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Grand Chapter of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty-Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, Wyndham Street, in the City of Guelph, on Wednesday, the 13th day of August, A. D. 1879, A. I. 2409.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	Fred. J. Menet, Toronto,	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	Daniel Spry, Toronto,	" H.	
" " "	Donald Ross, Picton,	" J.	

On the Throne.

R. E. Comp.	David McLellan, Hamilton,	Grand Scribe M.
" " "	Wm. Forbes, Grimsby,	" Scribe N.
" " "	Wm. Gibson, Hamilton,	" Prin. Soj.
" " "	Edward Mitchell, Hamilton,	" Treasurer.
" " "	James Lockie, Waterloo,	" Registrar.
" " "	J. J. Mason, Hamilton, as	" 1st Asst. Soj.
" " "	Gavin Stewart, " as	" 2nd " "
" " "	C. W. Brown, Toronto, as	" Sword Br.
" " "	Bernard Saunders, Yorkville,	" Stand. "
" " "	John McLaren, Mount Forest,	" Dir. of Cer.
" " "	Geo. C. Patterson, Toronto, as	" Organist.
" " "	J. M. Meakins, Hamilton, as	" Pursuivant.
" " "	John Moore, Ottawa, as	" Steward.
" " "	G. Walker, St. Catharines, as	" "
" " "	Chas. Doebler, Port Hope, as	" "
" " "	John Inglis, Guelph, as	" "
" " "	Geo. Smith, Guelph,	" Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

R. E. Comp.	H. A. Baxter,	London,	G. Supt.	London	Dist.
" "	"	D. McPhie,	"	Hamilton	"
" "	"	I. F. Toms,	"	Huron	"
" "	"	James Wilson,	"	Toronto	"
" "	"	R. Nicholls,	"	Ontario	"

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Thomas C. Macnabb,	Past Grand H.
" "	Henry Robertson,	Past Grand J.
" "	William Carey,	Past Grand Supt.
" "	James O'Connor,	Past Grand "
" "	Thomas Sargent,	Past Grand "
" "	W. D. Hepburn,	Past Grand "
" "	Daniel Spry,	Past Grand "
" "	Edward Mitchell,	Past Grand "
" "	Donald Ross,	Past Grand "
" "	Isaac F. Toms,	Past Grand "
" "	James B. Nixon,	Past Grand S. N.
" "	Gavin Stewart,	Past Grand P. S.
" "	Geo. C. Patterson,	Past Grand P. S.
" "	David McLellan	Past Grand Treasurer.
" "	Joshua G. Burns,	Past Grand Registrar.
V. "	James Norris,	Past Grand 1st Asst. S.
" "	Wm. C. Morrison,	Past Grand Organist.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. E. Comp.	Daniel Spry,	from	Gr. Chap. of	New Jersey.
" "	"	"	"	Quebec.
" "	"	"	"	Vermont.
" "	David McLellan,	"	"	Georgia.
" "	"	"	"	Pennsylvania.
" "	H. Robertson,	"	"	Dist. of Col.
" "	"	"	"	New York.
" "	"	"	"	Mississippi.
" "	H. Macpherson,	"	"	California.

PAST FIRST PRINCIPALS.

M. E. Comp.	Fred. J. Menet.	R. E. Comp.	Jas. O'Connor.
R. " "	Daniel Spry,	" " "	Thos. Sargent.
" " "	T. C. Macnabb.	" " "	Isaac F. Toms.
" " "	Donald Ross,	" " "	Wm. Carey.
" " "	H. Robertson.	" " "	Ed. Mitchell.
" " "	W. D. Hepburn.	" " "	Wm. Gibson.
" " "	Gavin Stewart.	V. " "	James Norris.
" " "	H. A. Baxter.	R. " "	Robt. Nicholls.
" " "	David McLellan.	V. " "	B. Saunders.
" " "	Donald McPhie.	" " "	John McLaren.
" " "	Wm. Forbes.	" " "	Alex. Irvine.
" " "	J. J. Mason.	R. " "	James Lockie.
" " "	J. B. Nixon.	" " "	James Wilson.
" " "	J. G. Burns.	V. " "	St. G. Caulfeild.
" " "	C. W. Brown.	" " "	J. E. Tamlyn.
" " "	H. Macpherson.	" " "	John Inglis.
" " "	Robt. Mackay.	" " "	John Fisher.

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in *Ample Form* at 12.15 p.m.

R. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were seventy-five Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which number forty were represented by the following Companions:

No. 2.

THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

E. Comp.	J. M. Meakins,	Z.
R. " "	Gavin Stewart,	P.Z.

No. 3.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

E. Comp.	W. Hawthorn,	Z.
R. " "	Jas. O'Connor,	P.Z.

No. 4. ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN CHAPTER, TORONTO.

E. Comp.	Wm. Brydon,	Z.
" "	Geo. Hodgetts,	J.
M. E. Comp.	F. J. Menet,	P.Z.
E. "	Chas. W. Brown,	P.Z.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

R. E. Comp.	W. Carey,	P.Z.
" " "	H. A. Baxter,	P.Z.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp.	Donald McPhie,	Z.
" "	W. G. Reid,	J.
" " "	David McLellan,	P.Z.
" " "	Wm. Gibson,	P.Z.
" " "	Wm. Forbes,	P.Z.
" " "	J. J. Mason,	P.Z.
" " "	E. Mitchell,	P.Z.

No. 7. MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

R. E. Comp.	Donald Ross,	P.Z., Proxy.
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No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. Sargant,	Z.
" "	John McKee,	H.
" "	J. Ross Robertson,	J.
R. E. Comp.	Daniel Spry,	P.Z.
" " "	David McLellan,	P.Z.
M. " "	F. J. Menet,	P.Z.
R. " "	J. B. Nixon,	P.Z.
" " "	J. G. Burns,	P.Z.
" " "	G. C. Patterson,	P.Z.
V. " "	Jas. Norris,	P.Z.
" " "	W. C. Morrison,	P.H.

No. 11. ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, ST. ANDREW'S, N.B.

R. E. Comp.	David McLellan,	P.Z., Proxy.
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- No. 12. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.
R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, Proxy.
- No. 15. WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.
E. Comp. E. A. Vidal, Z.
- No. 16. CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.
E. Comp. John Moore, Proxy.
- No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES.
E. Comp. Geo. Walker, Z.
- No. 24. TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD.
E. Comp. J. Baker, Z.
- No. 27. MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD.
R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, P.Z.
" " Henry Macpherson, P.Z.
- No. 30. HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH.
R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, P.Z.
- No. 31. PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON.
R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P.Z.
- No. 32. WATERLOO CHAPTER, GALT.
E. Comp. Alfred Taylor, Z.
" " Isidore E. Eby, J.
- No. 37. VICTORIA CHAPTER, PORT HOPE.
E. Comp. Chas Doebler, Z.
R. " " Robt. Nicholls, P.Z.
- No. 40. GUELPH CHAPTER, GUELPH.
E. Comp. David Kennedy, Z.
R. E. Comp. W. D. Hepburn, P.Z.
" " John Inglis, P.Z.

No. 44. MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NAPANEE.

R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P.Z.

No. 47. WELLINGTON CHAPTER, CHATHAM.

R. E. Comp. Thos. C. Macnabb, P.Z.

No. 50. SAUGEEN CHAPTER, WALKERTON.

E. Comp. John Inglis, P.Z.

No. 53. BRUCE CHAPTER, PETROLIA.

R. E. Comp. H. A. Baxter, P.Z., Proxy.

No. 54. DE WARRENNE CHAPTER, ST. THOMAS.

E. Comp. Robt. Mackay, P.Z.

No. 56. GEORGIAN CHAPTER, OWEN SOUND.

E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, P.Z.

No. 62. YORK CHAPTER, EGLINGTON.

R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, P.Z.

" " " T. Sargent, P.Z.

" " " Jas. B. Nixon, P.Z.

" " John Fisher, P.Z.

No. 65. ONTARIO CHAPTER, YORKVILLE.

E. Comp. Henry Fulford, H.

M. " " F. J. Menet, P.Z.

" " C. W. Brown, P.Z.

V. " " Bernard Saunders, P.Z.

No. 67. ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, HARRISTON.

V. E. Comp. John McLaren, P.Z.

" " Alex. Irvine, P.Z.

No. 68. MAITLAND CHAPTER, MAITLAND.

E. Comp. John Moore, Z.

No. 69. GRIMSBY CHAPTER, GRIMSBY.

E. Comp.	W. E. Millward,	Z.
" "	G. H. Hewson,	H.
R. "	Wm. Gibson,	P.Z.
" "	Wm. Forbes,	P.Z.

No. 70. GRAND RIVER CHAPTER, WATERLOO.

E. Comp.	J. S. Perine,	Z.
R. "	Jas. Lockie,	P.Z.

No. 71. PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, AMHERSTBURG.

E. Comp.	Chas. W. Thomas,	Z.
" "	Geo. Green,	H.

No. 72. KEYSTONE CHAPTER, ST. THOMAS.

E. Comp.	Robt. Mackay.	Z.
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No. 74. BEAVER CHAPTER, STRATHROY.

R. E. Comp.	H. A. Baxter,	P.Z.
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No. 75. ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, MILTON.

E. Comp.	Jas. A. Frazer,	H.
R. "	Wm. Gibson,	P.Z.
" "	Gavin Stewart,	P.Z.
" "	J. M. Meakins,	P.Z.

No. 77. OCCIDENT CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Comp.	James Wilson,	Z.
" "	Daniel Spry,	P.Z.
" "	Thos. Sargent,	P.Z.
M. "	F. J. Menet,	P.Z.

No. 79. ORIENT CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Comp.	Geo. C. Patterson,	Z.
" "	Daniel Spry,	P.Z.
" "	Thos. Sargent,	P.Z.
M. "	F. J. Menet,	P.Z.
R. "	Jas. B. Nixon,	P.Z.
" "	J. G. Burns,	P.Z.

No. 80.

ARK CHAPTER, WINDSOR.

V. E. Comp. Rev. St. G. Caulfeild, P.Z.

No. 81.

AYLMER CHAPTER, AYLMER.

E. Comp. C. W. Clarke. Z.

No. 82.

SHUNIAH CHAPTER, PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING

R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, P.Z., Proxy..

No. 83.

IONIC CHAPTER, ORANGEVILLE.

R. E. Comp. T. Sargent, P.Z.

" " " James Wilson. P.Z.

No. 84.

LEBANON CHAPTER, WINGHAM.

E. Comp. J. E. Tamlyn.

U.D.

EXETER CHAPTER, EXETER.

E. Comp. James Sutton, Z.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. SARGANT,	} Committee.
JOHN INGLIS,	
JAS. O'CONNOR.	

On motion of R. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Carey, the report of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing during the session of the Grand Chapter as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Convocation,

held in Hamilton, on the 14th day of August, 1878, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, and seconded by R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, and resolved:—

That, as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 14th day of August, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes thereof be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

ADDRESS OF THE M. E. THE GRAND Z.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

GREETING:

COMPANIONS,—Before rendering that account of stewardship, which at our annual assemblies is looked for at the hands of your presiding officer, I desire to convey to you all the sense of pleasure which it affords me to meet you and to find the Royal Craft so numerous represented on this occasion.

The Masonic year which has now drawn to a close has been one of almost unexampled peace and harmony within our jurisdiction, for which we cannot be too thankful, as these elements are essentially necessary to, and conducive of, prosperity and stability in our ancient and time-honored Order.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

During the past year I have had the pleasure of visiting the following Chapters, have participated in the ceremonies of installation of officers, and witnessed the impressive exemplification of our beautiful ritual in the conferring of degrees appertaining to this branch of Masonry, viz:

St. Andrew and St. John	-	-	No. 4, Toronto.
King Solomon's	-	-	" 8, "

Ontario	-	-	-	-	-	No. 65, Yorkville.
York	-	-	-	-	-	" 62, Eglinton.
Orient	-	-	-	-	-	" 79, Toronto.
Georgian	-	-	-	-	-	" 56, Owen Sound.
Manitou	-	-	-	-	-	" 27, Collingwood.
Ionic	-	-	-	-	-	" 83, Orangeville.

The R. Excellents the Grand H. and the Grand Superintendent of the Toronto District and several of the Grand Officers, and presiding officers of Subordinate Chapters, have accompanied me on these occasions, and can bear testimony to the hearty welcome extended to us, and the excellence of the work brought forward for inspection.

DECISIONS.

But one matter of any moment has been referred to me for decision. The M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Manitoba, having by edict suspended from the privileges of Masonry several brethren, also Companions of the Royal Arch, exception was taken by some of the members of the Chapter at Winnipeg to their being present and assisting in the installation of officers and candidates.

Upon being appealed to, I ruled "That suspension by a Craft Lodge, whether Grand or Subordinate, had no force in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, this Order alone having the right to pass judgment upon any of its members."

You will be glad to learn that the disagreements which resulted in the aforesaid suspensions have been amicably adjusted, and that harmony once more prevails among our brethren.

NEW CHAPTERS.

Application was made for a Dispensation to hold a Chapter at Arkona. It lacked the approval of the Grand Superintendent of the District; and, from information gained, I

formed the opinion that its establishment would be prejudicial to the interests of the nearest Chapters, and, consequently, of the Grand Chapter, I therefore had to decline issuing the Dispensation.

A Dispensation has been granted to several Companions at Exeter to hold a Royal Arch Chapter there, called the "Exeter Chapter," and it will be for you to decide whether or not a "Warrant" shall issue. The Executive Committee are in possession of the books and papers relating to the Chapter, and will submit their report thereon.

DISPENSATIONS.

The number of Dispensations required to instal officers, otherwise ineligible, has been very great. In each instance strong arguments have been brought forward to prove the necessity of the case. The Chapters under our obedience should now be so well provided with Installed Principals as to leave little need for further Dispensations in the near future. Those which I have granted are as follows, viz:

To instal as Z. not having served as W. M.	-	4
" " Z. " " H.	- - -	5
" " Z. " " H. or J.	-	3
" " H. " " J.	- - -	4

Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, not having among their membership any Companion willing to assume the duties of Janitor, I issued to them my Dispensation to instal Brother Coleman, a member of the Blue Lodge there, as a "Serving Companion" without payment of fees.

I have also granted a Dispensation to Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll, to exalt Bro. Winter, a resident of Demerara, temporarily sojourning in Ontario. Bro. Winter was desirous of obtaining the degrees at the Chapter, in order that he might assist in the establishment of the Royal Art in that jurisdiction.

REPRESENTATIVES.

The following appointments have been made, and I bespeak for them your ratification, viz:

To the Grand Chapter of Nevada, R. Ex. Comp. S. W. Chubbuck.

To the Grand Chapter of Virginia, M. Ex. Comp. George W. Dame, M. D.

From the Grand Chapter of Nevada, R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason.

From the Grand Chapter of Virginia, Ex. Comp. W. Brydon.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

The following motions, notice of which was given at the last Annual Convocation, will be considered by Grand Chapter:

By R. E. Comp. David McLellan,—“That Clause VI. of Subordinate Chapters be amended by striking out the following words, ‘unless he be an installed master or past master of a regular lodge nor.—’ ”

By V. E. Comp. James Norris,—“That Article on Grand Superintendents of Districts, Sec. 7, be amended to read as follows:—‘He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a Chapter from place to place within his district, except where another Chapter or Chapters are already chartered and hold jurisdiction, in which case he shall consult said Chapter or Chapters, and only remove it there with their consent, but not from his district into another, nor from another district into his own, without the consent of the Grand Z.’ ”

By R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms,—“That he will move as an amendment to the Constitution that the Convocation of

Grand Chapter be held on the Tuesday preceding the meeting of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada at the same place."

By V. E. Comp. Jas. Noble,—“That Article IX of the Constitution be so amended that the meeting of this Grand Chapter be held on the Friday after the meeting of the Grand Lodge at the same place, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m.

By R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry,—“That Clause I. of the Executive Committee be so amended that the Grand Z. be empowered to appoint five members on this Committee in addition to five members elected by Grand Chapter.”

COMMITTEES.

The Grand Chapter last year provided for the appointment of committees to revise the Constitution and the work of the Subordinate Degrees. I regret that from the urgency of my own business affairs, I have not been able to arrange for the fulfilment of these duties, but trust that in the succeeding year I may be of service to my successor in office in bringing them to completion.

The Grand Z. was also authorized to “appoint a committee of three companions for the purpose of investing permanently \$1,000 in the stock of some reliable Building Society,” but inasmuch as a great diversity of opinion has existed during the last few months as to the relative value of such investments, I deemed it more prudent to allow the monies to remain, as they have been for years, on deposit at call, earning a small rate of interest, being convinced that in the management of trust funds, safety should always be the first consideration.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has been ably prepared by the chairman, R. Ex. Comp. Henry Robertson, and is as usual replete with useful and interesting matter.

I now resign into your hands the trust with which you have honored me during the last two years. It has always been my desire to fulfil the onerous duties appertaining to this high office to the full extent of my ability, and hope I have succeeded in gaining the approbation of this Grand Chapter. I would now thank the Companions for the kind support and consideration I have at all times received from them.

FRED. J. MENET,
Grand Z.

Toronto, 13th August, 1879.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, Grand H., seconded by R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, Grand J., and resolved:—

That the address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z., be referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

The following Reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were presented:—

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Z., Grand Principals, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada:—

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my Report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the London District during the past Masonic year.

I visited most of the Chapters in this District, and installed their officers, and found them, with two exceptions, in a prosperous condition. Of all the Chapters visited a hope was expressed that all applicants “accepted” be thoroughly posted in the “Intermediate Degrees” before receiving that of Royal Arch.

On the recommendation of the Most Ex. Grand Z., at our last Annual Convocation, relative to the procuring by each District a suitable regalia for its Grand Superintendent, I communicated with the different Chapters in this District, and, on their acquiescence, procured a set from R. Ex. Comp. Sargant, so that the Grand Superintendent can, when so required, appear properly clothed.

In the month of March last, a petition was presented from the requisite number of Companions, for a Dispensation to open a Royal Arch Chapter at the Village of Arkona. This was duly forwarded to the M. Ex. Grand Z., and, after mature deliberation and for good and sufficient reasons, the same was not granted.

I am happy to state no Masonic complaint came before me. All appear to work with that harmony which should at all times characterize the Order.

In conclusion, I desire to record my sincere thanks to the Companions in this District for the honor conferred, and to those with whom I had the pleasure of meeting, for the courtesy and kindness extended.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

H. A. BAXTER,

Grand Superintendent of London District.

London, August 11th, 1879.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:—

In presenting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Wilson District, I regret to have to state that for several reasons I have been quite unable to devote that time and attention to the duties of the office of Grand Superintendent which should be given to it.

I have not been able to visit either Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, or Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe, but from information received have every reason to believe they are in a flourishing condition.

Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll, from its proximity to Woodstock, I have had an opportunity of visiting on several occasions, and was much gratified with the manner in which the degrees were conferred.

I have much pleasure in being able to say that no complaints of any kind have been made to me during the past year.

I regret that the members of Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, have not lately taken that interest in the prosperity of the Chapter which they should do, but as there are now several applications for membership before the Chapter, I trust that the former interest will be shortly revived.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. L. BEARD,

Grand Superintendent of Wilson District.

Woodstock, 9th August, 1879.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Ex. Grand Z., Grand Principals, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

In compliance with the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I beg leave to submit my report on Royal Arch Masonry in Wellington District for the past year.

On December the 9th, 1878, I visited Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt, and with the assistance of Ex. Companion Taylor, installed the officers. This Chapter, occupying as it does one of the best fields in the District, and officers zealous in the cause, will still continue to prosper.

On the 25th of February, I granted a Dispensation to the members of Ionic Chapter, Orangeville, to enable them to appear, at a festival given by them, in their Royal Arch clothing.

On May the 13th, I visited Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston, and was pleased to find the Chapter in good working order; also on the 8th of July, with the assistance of Ex. Companions Irvine and McLaren, installed the officers, who are all earnest workers, and I have no doubt will do all in their power to make this Chapter one of the best in the District.

On the 21st May, I visited Saugeen Chapter, No. 50, Walkerton, and installed the officers, on which occasion I was assisted by Ex. Companion Irvine, and from the zeal shown by the principal officers of this Chapter to perfect themselves in the work, they will do their best for the interests of the Royal Arch.

In the month of June, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Inglis, of Guelph Chapter, No. 40, I paid a visit to Elora Chapter, No. 49, Elora, and with the assistance of R. E. Comp. Elliot, installed the officers.

On the 11th of July, assisted by Ex. Comps. Inglis and Petrie, I installed the officers of Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph, which is in a very prosperous and harmonious condition, gradually adding to their numbers excellent material. In the same month, I paid a visit to Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Waterloo. This Chapter is well officered, but not in a flourishing condition, owing to the want of new blood, but from remarks made by the E. Z. and other officers, the future is encouraging, and that new material is sure to come in.

In conclusion, I have to tender my thanks to the officers

and Companions of the Chapters in Wellington District, for the kindness and courtesy extended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. K. MAITLALD,

Grand Superintendent Wellington District.

P.S.—I have very great pleasure in stating that the Chapters have provided a suit of Grand District Superintendent's clothing for the use of the Superintendents of Wellington District.

H.K.M.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Grand Principals, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In accordance with custom, and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Hamilton District.

During the past year, I have visited all the Chapters in the District, and it affords me very great pleasure to be able to report that all the Chapters are in a most flourishing condition.

St. Clair Chapter was visited by me on the 9th July. I found a good attendance of members, and the meeting was a highly satisfactory one. The Principals are well up in their work, and a deep interest is manifested by all in the welfare of their Chapter.

I find it very gratifying to be able to announce the continual prosperity of the Hiram and St. John's Chapters in the City of Hamilton. The officers of both these Chapters are highly efficient and their efforts are ably supported by the subordinate officers, who are also well up in their work.

I examined the books of the several Chapters, and found everything regular and satisfactory.

I am also pleased to report that during the year no Masonic complaints of any kind have been made to me, and am therefore satisfied that good feeling and harmony prevails in each of the Chapters.

In conclusion I desire to thank the officers and Companions of the several Chapters for the kindness extended to me on the occasion of my visits.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DONALD McPHIE,

Grand Superintendent Hamilton District.

Hamilton, Aug. 13th, 1879.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Grand Principals, and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In reporting upon the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Huron District, I can only say that as a rule the Chapters are in a fair condition, but I think that in a few instances a little more energy on the part of the Principals could not fail to bring about better results.

I received and recommended an application for a Chapter at Exeter, a Dispensation was granted by the M. E. the Grand Z., and on the twenty-fourth of July I duly installed the Principals, assisted by E. Comps. J. E. Tamlyn and Jas A. Benson. The location of this Chapter is a good one. There is plenty of good material in the neighborhood, and the officers are efficient and energetic. I recommend that a Warrant be issued to this Chapter.

I installed the officers of Lebanon Chapter, Wingham, in June last. Through the ability and zeal of E. Comp.

Tamlyn, the 1st P. Z., this Chapter bids fair to take a front rank in the District.

I earnestly recommend to Grand Chapter the propriety of taking steps to have our ritual exemplified so that every Principal of a Chapter may be prepared to perform his work properly.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC F. TOMS,

Grand Supt. Huron District.

Goderich, August 9, 1879.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal Z., Officers and Members of Grand Chapter:

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Toronto District for 1878-1879.

There are eleven Chapters in this District, viz:

St. Andrew and St. John.....	No. 4, Toronto.
King Solomon's.....	" 8, "
Manitou.....	" 27, Collingwood.
Signet.....	" 34, Orillia.
Seymour.....	" 38, Bradford.
Georgian.....	" 56, Owen Sound.
Doric.....	" 60, Newmarket.
York.....	" 62, Eglington.
Ontario.....	" 65, Yorkville.
Occident.....	" 77, Toronto.
Orient.....	" 79, "

ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, NO. 4, TORONTO.

I have been twice at the meetings of St. Andrew and St. John Chapter during my year of office, and found a fair at-

tendance on each occasion. There have not been many exaltations during this time, but there is a large membership, and the Chapter is financially in a satisfactory position. In conjunction with the Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory of Knights Templar, this Chapter possesses one of the most handsomely furnished rooms in the Province. Ex. Comp. William Brydon is Z. He is also the Representative of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia near this Grand Chapter.

KING SOLOMON'S, NO. 8, TORONTO.

I have frequently visited King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, during the year, and have much pleasure in reporting that it is in a prosperous condition. There has not been much work done during this time. This Chapter has recently leased, and very tastily furnished, a suite of rooms in Victoria Chambers, on Victoria Street, and has every convenience for conferring the Chapter and Subordinate degrees. The membership is large, and the revenue from dues alone, I understand, is amply sufficient for its support. R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Sargant is Z.

MANITOU, NO. 27, COLLINGWOOD.

I visited Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, on the 7th April last, and although there was no work, yet I had the pleasure of minutely inspecting their books, etc., all of which I found neatly and correctly kept. This Chapter is well managed, has a comfortable and well furnished chapter-room, and is financially solid. This is the only Chapter that produced a "Book of Marks." It is complete, and contains a copy of the Mark of every member *advanced* since the formation of the Chapter. Ex. Comp. Ferguson is Z. R. Ex. Comps. H. Robertson, Carpenter and Nettleton and others were present on the occasion of my official visit.

SIGNET, NO. 34, ORILLIA.

I had made arrangements for paying an official visit to Signet Chapter, No. 34, Orillia, but was informed by the Ex. Z.

that "*owing to differences between some of the brethren they could not get a meeting.*" This communication contained no allusion to the nature of the differences, and I have received no further information as to them. I trust, however, that they have by this time succeeded in "getting a meeting," and smoothing over their differences.

SEYMOUR, NO. 38, BRADFORD.

I was disappointed in my arrangements for visiting Seymour Chapter, No. 38, Bradford. I had received a communication appointing the date for my visit, and requesting me to bring a companion with me to act as Principal Sojourner. I arranged with a Companion to accompany me, but at the last moment he was prevented, and I was unable to go,—much to my regret. This Chapter is, I understand, doing nothing at present.

GEORGIAN, NO. 56, OWEN SOUND.

On the 18th March last, I paid an official visit to Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound (Ex. Comp. D. A. Creasor, Z.), and had the pleasure of seeing the ceremony of exaltation performed. The work was done in a manner which I have never seen excelled, and reflected most creditably on all concerned. The lectures pertaining to the chairs were most correctly and impressively rendered, evincing on the part of the Principals a thorough knowledge of the subject. The lectures were given by Ex. Comp. Judge Macpherson, P. Z., as Z., Ex. Comp. Dr. Cameron, P. Z., as H., and Ex. Comp. Richard Notter, J. The degree of Mark Master was also conferred by Ex. Comp. John Creasor, P. Z., as R. W. M. in a very creditable manner, I cannot speak too highly of the condition of this Chapter. Its books and records are neatly and accurately kept. Their chapter room is handsomely furnished. They have a large membership. No debt, and harmony prevails amongst them. I was much pleased at

meeting so many Past Principals of this Chapter on this occasion, amongst whom were Ex. Comps. Judge Macpherson, Dr. Cameron, Jno. Creasor, Gordon and Scott.

DORIC, NO. 60, NEWMARKET.

I am unable to report as to the condition of Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket. My successor will require to superintend its resuscitation. There are good men and true here and with some assistance from Principals of neighboring Chapters I have no doubt this Chapter would revive and succeed.

YORK, NO. 62, EGLINGTON.

On the 8th May last, I paid an official visit to York Chapter, No. 62, Eglington, Ex. Comp. Wm. Norris, Z., in whose absence, through illness, V. Ex. Comp. Arthur L. Willson, P. Z., presided, with V. Ex. Comp. John Fisher, P. Z., as H., and Ex. Comp. W. D. Norris, J. Owing to the then approaching Provincial elections, and the interest absorbed by them, there was not so large an attendance as desirable. The minutes and other records are well kept, and the Chapter, in addition to having a comfortable and well furnished chapter room, has a *surplus* lucratively invested. The prospects of this Chapter are very encouraging, and I have no doubt that under the fostering care of such zealous and enthusiastic Masons as V. Ex. Comps. Willson and Fisher, York Chapter will continue to improve in the future as in the past.

ONTARIO, NO. 65, YORKVILLE.

Ontario Chapter, No. 65, Yorkville, is at present without its Z., he having left the country,—permanently, I believe. A fair share of work has been done during the year, and it stands in a favorable condition. They have “called off” during the summer. V. Ex. Comp. T. F. Blackwood, Senior P. Z.

OCCIDENT, NO. 77, TORONTO.

Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto, is progressing fairly and steadily increasing its membership, as shown by its returns. It might not be advisable to speak too strongly on behalf of this Chapter, numbering as it does amongst its members the Grand Z., Grand H., two Past Grand Superintendents, and other Grand Chapter officers. It would be improper for me to credit the Z. of this Chapter for its satisfactory position, when he must know *as well as I do*, that the efficient support of the members themselves has been the true cause of its prosperity. R. Ex. Comp. Jas. Wilson is Z.

ORIENT, NO. 79, TORONTO.

Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto, since its removal from Don Mount has steadily prospered and is rapidly increasing its membership. The prospects of this Chapter are very encouraging. R. Ex. Comp. George C. Patterson is Z.

There have been no complaints during my term of office, and harmony appears to prevail amongst the Companions of the Toronto District, except the differences alluded to.

OBITUARY.

On the 16th May last, Comp. James H. Hickman, a member of St. Andrew and St. John's Chapter, No. 4, died and was buried with Masonic honors by St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, G. R. C. The members of the Chapter also turned out in Royal Arch clothing. At the request of the W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, I, as the W. M. of St. George Lodge, No. 367, G. R. C., conducted the funeral services. The deceased was an estimable citizen and a worthy Mason.

During my official visits I experienced the most hospitable and truly fraternal treatment from all, particularly at Owen Sound, Collingwood and Eglington, to all of which places, at my special invitation, I was accompanied by the Most Ex. Grand Z., R. Ex. Grand H., and V. Ex. Comp. Thomas.

F. Blackwood, P. Z. Ontario Chapter, Grand Assistant Sojourner. I have to express my hearty thanks for the cordial assistance so cheerfully rendered me, not only by those whom I have named, but by the Companions of the District generally, on every occasion.

In conclusion, I regret that my limited time prevented me, to a certain extent, carrying out in full the programme which I had arranged for the year. I have, however, done the best I could under the circumstances, and have made myself acquainted with the position and prospects of nearly all the Chapters in the District, and I think their condition satisfactory generally.

JAS. WILSON,
Grand Supt. Toronto District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

According to custom, and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I submit the annual report of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District.

I have been unable to make the customary visits to all the different Chapters in this District, but from information received, I have reason to believe that they are, with one or two exceptions, in good working order.

I would recommend to the officers of Chapters the necessity of regular practice in order to secure perfect work.

I am happy to say I have not had any Masonic complaints brought before me during ~~my~~ term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT NICHOLLS,
Grand Supt. Ontario District.

Port Hope, Aug. 8th, 1879.

P. E. DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

It affords me a good deal of pleasure to inform you that, notwithstanding Capitular Masonry has not made rapid progress in this District during the year, evidence is not wanting to convince me that a healthier state of things may reasonably be looked for in the near future.

The officers of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, for the current year, were duly installed by me, ably assisted by R. E. Comp. Donald Ross and E. Comp. J. M. Platt. This Chapter may be said to be in a prosperous condition, although the stringency of the times has no doubt been largely instrumental in retarding its growth. I have great pleasure in saying that E. Comp. Wm. Lawson, Z., is an efficient and popular officer, and that he is ably assisted by a good staff of zealous workers.

Moir Chapter, No. 7, I have reason to know, is in a flourishing condition. With such an able and earnest Companion as M. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson has shown himself to be, to oversee the work, I did not deem it necessary in the interest of Masonry to visit this Chapter. During the present year, the Companions have had, with my approbation, an excursion to Campbellford and a festival at Belleville, both of which were eminently successful.

Owing to my inability to induce the Companions of Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee; and St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton, to arrange meetings so as to enable me to visit them officially, I cannot speak as to their condition. On the 3rd of Aug., I received a kind note from R. E. Comp. H. W. Day, who informed me that R. E. Comp. Delaney, Z., had been a good deal from home, which accounted for the non-compliance with my request, as far as St. Mark's was concerned. I have received no intelligence from Mount Sinai in reference to a similar request.

It is gratifying to me that I have not received a single complaint, which must be accepted as conclusive evidence that all is peace and harmony within the borders of this District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. M. CONGER,
Grand Supt. P. E. District.

Picton, Aug. 11, 1879.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., the Right Excellent the Grand Officers, and Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In compliance with the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I herewith submit my annual report as Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in Central District.

No complaints of any kind have been made to me during the past year, and I have good and sufficient reasons for believing that harmony and good feeling exists in the several Chapters.

I regret that I have been unable to make the customary visits to the different Chapters of this District, but from information received I am convinced that in the majority of the Chapters steady progress is being made; notably, Cataragui, Ancient Frontenac, Carleton, Granite and Maitland.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

V. H. MOORE, M.D.,
Grand Superintendent Central District.

Brockville, August 6th, 1879.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT, N.B.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Owing to the present commercial depression, Royal Arch Masonry in this District, is not in as flourishing a condition as could be wished, but with the return of business I have no doubt the Chapters will as heretofore participate in the general prosperity.

On the 3rd inst., I visited New Brunswick Chapter, No. 10, and installed the officers for the ensuing year.

I regret not having been able to make it convenient to visit either St. Mark's or Botsford Chapters.

Under date of June 28, Ex. Comp. Robert Glenn wrote that the officers of St. Mark's Chapter were regularly installed for the ensuing year.

Ex. Comp. Geo. H. Pick, Principal Z. of Botsford Chapter, No. 39, under date of 11th inst., writes as follows:—"I am sorry to say that the Chapter is not doing as well as it might, owing to the fact that the majority of the officers reside in the country and find it difficult to attend at all times. We are in hopes, however, to be able to give a better account during our next year."

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES McNICHOL, JR.,

Grand Superintendent New Brunswick District.

St. John, N.B., July 16th, 1879.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Z., and Grand Chapter of Canada:

As Superintendent of the District of Manitoba, I have the honor to report for the year just ended on the state of Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

I am happy to say that in consequence of the full and complete settlement of all Masonic differences in the Province, the Prince Rupert Chapter (the only one in the Province) has again begun to hold regular meetings and do work. The officers elected and appointed (of which I enclose a list) are attending regularly to their duties, and progress is being made in a knowledge of the work, as well as in building up with good material. I have no doubt my successor, at the end of the year, will be enabled to submit a satisfactory report.

I have the honor to be, fraternally,

W. N. KENNEDY,

Superintendent Manitoba District.

Winnipeg, August 1, 1879.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. Carey, the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were received and referred to the Executive Committee for examination and report thereon.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the Committee, which, on motion of R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, was received and ordered to be printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., submitted the Annual Statement of moneys received during the past year, together with the books, etc.

R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, presented the Annual Statement of receipts and disbursements, with vouchers attached.

Moved by R. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Gavin Stewart, and Resolved,—That the Annual Statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit.

Letters of apology were then read from M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington and M. E. Comp. S. B. Harman, regretting that from ill health they would not be able to be present at this Annual Convocation, but they both expressed the hope that the meeting would be one of profit and pleasure to the Companions.

Communications were received and read,

1st. From the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, informing this Grand Chapter, "that all Subordinate Chapters within this Grand Jurisdiction are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to open Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master on all Companion Royal Arch Masons within this Grand Jurisdiction, in accordance with resolutions adopted at its Twelfth Annual Convocation, confirming said transfer."

2nd. From George B. Edwards, Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, notifying this Grand Chapter of the great loss sustained by the Grand Chapter of New Jersey in the removal by death of their late Grand Secretary, Thos. J. Corson, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary for the past six years.

R. E. Companion David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., then presented the following proceedings which had been received by him since the printing of the Report on Foreign Correspondence, viz.:

Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, 3rd June, 1879.

Catalogue of the Masonic Library of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of California, 1879.

Annual Report of Robert H. Thomas, Grand Librarian of

the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, June, 1879.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland's Reporter, Vol. II, No. 9, March, 1879.

In reference to the Communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, it was

Moved by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, and Resolved—That a memorial page be set apart in the Proceedings as a mark of respect to the memory of M. E. Comp. Thomas J. Corson, Past Grand H. P. and Grand Secretary.

R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Nevada, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept.

E. Comp. William Brydon presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Virginia, which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to receive and accept.

The Companions were severally greeted with the usual Masonic salutations, which were suitably acknowledged.

The following notices of motion of places for holding the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter were given, viz., by

R. E. Comp. Jas. B. Nixon,	Ottawa.
“ “ “ T. C. Macnabb,	Chatham.
V. “ “ Bernard Saunders,	St. Catharines.
“ “ J. M. Meakins,	Port Hope.
R. “ “ Wm. Forbes,	Grimsby Camp Ground.
“ “ C. W. Brown,	Niagara.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 1 o'clock p.m.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 1.20 o'clock, p. m. Present:

M. E. Comp.	F. J. Menet,	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. E.	" Daniel Spry,	" H.	
"	" Donald Ross,	" J.	

ON THE THRONE :

Grand Officers, members and Representatives.

R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry presented the Report of the Executive Committee on the Address of the M. E. the Grand First Principal.

"The Executive Committee beg leave to present the following report upon the Address of the M. E. the Grand First Principal.

"The Executive Committee join with the M. E. the Grand Z. in his thankfulness for the almost unexampled peace and harmony prevailing within our jurisdiction during the past year.

"We congratulate the M. E. the Grand Z., upon his having been able to visit so many of the Subordinate Chapters, and are glad to find that he had the assistance of a number of his Grand officers, and that he can bear testimony, not only to the hearty welcome he received, but to the excellence of the work in the various Chapters visited.

"Your Committee are glad to learn that harmony once more prevails amongst our brethren in the Province of Manitoba, and agree with the M. E. the Grand Z. that under clause 16 of our Constitution this order alone has the right to pass judgment upon any of its members.

“Your Committee regret that the M. E. the Grand Z. has found it necessary to grant so many dispensations for the installation of officers not possessing the necessary Constitutional requirements, and unite with him in the hope that there will be little need for similar dispensations in the near future.

“It is gratifying to find that our intercourse with sister Grand Chapters is increasing, as is evidenced by the exchange of representatives between this Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of Nevada and Virginia.

“Your Committee regret that the M. E. the Grand Z. has not been able to carry out the recommendation of Grand Chapter at its last Convocation by the appointment of committees to revise the work of the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Degrees, and for the revision of the Constitution, and recommend that action in these matters be taken by this Grand Chapter at its present Convocation.

“All of which is fraternally submitted.

“HENRY MACPHERSON,
“Chairman Committee.”

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, and Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the address of the M. E. Grand Z., be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry presented the following report on

WARRANTS.

“The Executive Committee on Warrants, beg leave to report that they have examined the books and records of Exeter Chapter under dispensation.

“They have found them correct and recommend that a Warrant be issued.

“Your Committee have also had before them the application for Dispensation from certain Companions at Arkona, but as it lacks the recommendation of the Grand Superintendent of the District your committee cannot recommend that a Warrant be granted in this case.

“All of which is respectfully submitted.

“DONALD ROSS,

“Chairman.”

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, and Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry submitted the following report on

CAPITULAR MASONRY.

“The Executive Committee beg leave to report on the condition of Capitular Masonry within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

“That we have received and examined the reports of all the Grand Superintendents of Districts, except the Niagara District, and find that the Grand Superintendents have generally performed their duties faithfully and zealously.

“That the Royal Craft throughout this jurisdiction is generally prosperous, although some Districts are affected by the general financial depression.

“That some Districts have complied with the recommendation of the Grand Z., and supplied the Grand Superintendents with the proper Regalia of the office, a practice which we hope will be generally adopted.

“ We find, therefore, the condition of Masonry generally satisfactory, and hope such may long continue.

“ All of which is respectfully submitted.

“ HENRY ROBERTSON,
“Chairman Sub-Committee.”

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, and Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, on behalf of the Executive Committee, presented the following report on

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

“ The Executive Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg leave to report that they have examined the papers in the only case before them and report as follows:

“ TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24,	} At the last meeting of
vs.	
COMP. W. R. KNOX.	
intendant of Huron District, for his report.	

“ R. E. Comp. Toms now presents his report to the effect that Comp. W. R. Knox be summoned to appear at the next Convocation of Grand Chapter, to shew cause why he should not be expelled.

“ Your Committee therefore recommend that the action of the Chapter be confirmed, and that Comp. W. R. Knox be summoned to appear at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter to shew cause why he should not be expelled from Royal Arch Masonry.

“ All of which is respectfully submitted.

“ W. CAREY,
“ Chairman.”

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. Carey, and Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry submitted the following report on

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Executive Committee beg leave to submit the following report. They have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer to the 8th of August, 1879, and find them correct; they have much pleasure in certifying to the neat and correct manner in which the accounts of the Grand Chapter have been kept.

The receipts and disbursements for the past year have been as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....	\$2,216 66
<i>Cash received for</i>	
Certificates.....	\$393 00
Dues.....	560 20
Registration Fees.....	251 00
Dispensation for new Chapter.....	40 00
“ various.....	18 00
Warrants.....	40 00
Constitutions.....	20
Interest on \$4,500 Dominion Stock	
at 5 per cent.....	225 00
Interest on Bank deposit.....	64 71
	1,592 11
	\$3,808 77

EXPENDITURE.

Henry Robertson, Report of Foreign Correspondence, 1878.....	\$ 50 00	
Mrs. M. E. Harris, grant, 1879.....	200 00	
David McLellan, Grand Scribe E.....	500 00	
“ “ Postage, Stationery, &c.	41 95	
J. B. Traves, Printing Proceedings.....	312 48	
“ “ Sundry Printing.....	12 00	
G. C. Patterson, “ “	21 25	
Grand Chapter Quebec, grant.....	500 00	
W. Bruce, Warrants.....	20 00	
		\$1,657 68
Cash on deposit in Hamilton Provident and Loan Society.....		2,151 09
		\$3,808 77

ASSETS.

Dominion Stock bearing 5 % interest....	\$4,500 00	
Cash on deposit.....	2,151 09	
		\$6,651 09

LIABILITIES.

The following accounts which the Committee recommend for payment:—

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	\$50 00	
Rolph Smith & Co.....	50 00	
<i>Times</i> Printing Co., printing.....	11 50	
J. B. Traves, <i>Craftsman</i>	3 00	
“ “ Printing... ..	14 00	
Expenses of last session Grand Chapter.....	11 80	
Incidentals advance for Postage, &c.....	50 00	
		\$190 30

Your Committee recommend that the Grand H. be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for an amount sufficient to defray the expenses connected with the present annual Convocation.

Your Committee find that the following Chapters have been in arrear for some time, and would therefore recommend that they be summoned to appear by their proper officers or representatives at the next annual Convocation, to shew cause why they should not be suspended for failing to make the requisite returns and payments to Grand Chapter, viz:

No. 26, St. Mark's.....	Trenton.
“ 29, McCallum.....	Dunnville.
“ 35, Keystone	Whitby.
“ 46, St. James.....	St. Mary's.
“ 58, Pembroke.....	Pembroke.

Your Committee recommend as an instruction to the Grand Scribe E. that no certificates or dispensations be issued unless the application be accompanied with the cash.

Your Committee also recommend that \$1,500.00 of the funds of Grand Chapter be permanently invested in the paid up stock of some reliable Building Society or Municipal Debentures, under the direction and in the name of the Grand Z., and President of the Ex. Committee and Grand Treasurer for the time being in trust for the Grand Chapter.

Your Committee further recommend that all drafts drawn for and on behalf of the Grand Chapter on the Grand Treasurer shall be signed by the Grand H., and countersigned by the Grand Scribe E.

Your Committee recommend that the current funds of the Grand Chapter be deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce as the Bankers of Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES B. NIXON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, and Resolved,

That the Report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

MOTIONS.

In accordance with notices of motion given at the last Annual Convocation,

1st. It was moved by R. E. Comp. David McLellan, seconded by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson:

That Clause VI of Subordinate Chapters be amended by striking out the following words: "unless he be an installed Master or Past Master of a regular Lodge nor." Lost.

2nd. It was moved by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, and Resolved:

That Article IX of the Constitution be so amended that the meeting of this Grand Chapter be held on the Friday of the same week in which is held the meeting of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.'s of Canada, at the same place at the hour of 10 o'clock, a.m.

3rd. It was moved by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, seconded by R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, and Resolved:

That Clause I. of the Executive Committee be so amended that the Grand Z. be empowered to appoint five members on this Committee in addition to the five members elected by Grand Chapter.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the Grand Scribes acting as scrutineers of the ballot.

The following named Companions were declared duly elected, by acclamation:

R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, Toronto,	Grand Z.
" " " Donald Ross, Picton	" H.
" " H. Macpherson, Owen Sound	" J.
" " " D. McLellan, Hamilton, re-elected	" S. E.

E. Comp.	John Fisher, Eglington,	Grand S. N.
" "	William Brydon, Toronto,	" Prin. Soj.
R. " "	E. Mitchell, Hamilton, re-elected	" Treas.
V. " "	John McLaren, Mount Forest,	" Registrar.
And by an open vote of Grand Chapter,		
Comp. W. W. Summers,		" Janitor.

The following Companions were nominated by the Representatives from the respective Districts, and approved by the M. E. Grand Z. as

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

V. E. Comp.	Rev. St. G. Caulfield, Windsor,	London	Dist.
R. " "	C. L. Beard, Woodstock,	Wilson	"
" " "	H. K. Maitland, Guelph,	Wellington	"
" " "	J. M. Meakins, Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
" " "	Isaac F. Toms, Goderich,	Huron	"
" " "	Geo. Walker, Beamsville,	Niagara,	"
" " "	Jas. B. Nixon, Toronto,	Toronto	"
" " "	Chas. Doeblér, Port Hope,	Ontario	"
" " "	S. M. Conger, Picton,	P. Edward	"
" " "	Thomas Gordon, Kingston,	Central	"
" " "	Jas. McMichol, Jr., St. John,	N. Bruns'k	"
" " "	W. N. Kennedy, Winnipeg,	Manitoba	"

The following named Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

R. E. Comp.	Henry Robertson,	Collingwood.
" " "	William Carey,	Hamilton.
" " "	Thomas Sargant,	Toronto.
" " "	William Forbes,	Grimsby.
" " "	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. T. C. Macnabb,

That whereas there is a difference of opinion as to the procedure hereinafter mentioned, be it therefore Resolved,—That

it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter that Lodges of M. M. M., P. M. M. and M. E. M. M. may be opened and worked without the Chapter being first opened.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, seconded by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, and Resolved:

That the M. E. the Grand Z. appoint one committee of Companions to revise the work of Mark, Past, and M. E. Degrees, and to report upon and exemplify the same at next Grand Chapter; and another Committee of Companions to revise the Constitution and prepare forms of minutes and regulations for the conduct of business in the Mark, Past and M. E. Degrees.

M. E. Comp. F. J. Menet, Grand Z., proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, Grand Z., then appointed the following Companions as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz.:

R. E. Comp. R. Lewis,	London.
" " " James Wilson,	Toronto.
" " " Wm. Gibson,	Hamilton.
" " " T. C. Macnabb,	Chatham.
" " " J. G. Burns,	Toronto.

At a subsequent date the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the year ensuing, viz.:

E. Comp. Chas. W. Brown, Toronto,	Grand 1st Asst. Soj.
" " A. Cameron, M.D., Owen Sound,	" 2nd " "
" " John Moore, Ottawa,	" Sword B'r'r.
" " John Inglis, Guelph,	" Stand. "
" " S. W. Ray, P. A. Landing,	" Dir. of Cer.

E. Comp. Gibson Cook, Bradford,	Grand Organist.
“ “ C. W. Thomas, Amherstburg,	“ Pursuivant.
“ “ Ichabod Baker, Stratford,	“ Steward.
“ “ William Watson, Orangeville,	“ “
“ “ J. E. Tamlyn, Wingham,	“ “
“ “ T. W. Cumming, Colborne,	“ “
“ W. W. Summers, Hamilton,	“ Janitor.

The M. E. Grand Z. directed that each Companion elected and appointed to office not having presented himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

The M. E. Grand Z. then appointed the following Committees:

CONSTITUTION.

M. E. Comp. F. J. Menet, Past Grand Z., Toronto.
R. “ “ Henry Macpherson, Grand J., Owen Sound.
“ “ “ Henry Robertson, Past Grand J., Collingwood,

WORK.

M. E. Comp. F. J. Menet, Past Grand Z., Toronto.
R. “ “ Thomas Sargent, Past Grand Supt., Toronto.
“ “ “ R. J. Hovenden, “ “ “ “

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notices of motion for next Annual Convocation were given, viz:—

By E. Comp. C. W. Brown,

That Clause XIII. of Subordinate Chapters be amended by adding after the word “Chapter” at the end of the first sentence, and before the word “and” at the beginning of the

second sentence, the following words: "But should a First Principal of a Chapter be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office, either by removing from the District or otherwise, the Immediate Past First Principal shall act until the next election takes place. Should he be unable to act, the last but one, and so on; but if no former First Principal be found to act, the Chapter shall proceed to elect a new First Principal in his place, giving seven clear days notice of such election to all members of the Chapter."

By M. E. Comp. F. J. Menet,

That the present Constitution be repealed, and that the revised Constitution prepared by the Committee, or agreed to by the Grand Chapter, shall become law from the date of its adoption.

Moved by R. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. McLaren, and resolved:—

That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to have 500 copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Convocation printed and distributed.

Moved by R. E. Comp. James Lockie, seconded by E. Comp. J. Sutton, and resolved:—

That the Grand H. be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for payment for printing the Proceedings thereof as soon as the same shall have been completed and delivered to the Grand Scribe E.

Moved by R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, seconded by R. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, and resolved:—

That in order to mark in an appropriate manner our high appreciation of the services of M. E. Comp. F. J. Menet, as

Grand Z. during the past two years, a Committee be appointed to procure and present to him a suitable testimonial.

The Most Excellent Grand Z. was pleased to appoint the following Committee to carry out the foregoing resolution:—

R. E. Comp. Donald Ross, Grand H.

“ “ Henry McPherson, Grand J.

“ “ David McLellan, Grand Scribe E.

Moved by R. E. Comp. Thomas Sargent, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. G. Burns, and Resolved:—

That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Companions of Guelph Chapter, No. 40, of the City of Guelph, for the excellent arrangements made for the holding of the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and for the generous hospitality extended to the Representatives and Visitors.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended it was closed in Ample Form at 4.20 p. m.



David McLellan.

GRAND SCRIBE E.

ANNUAL STATEMENT, AUGUST, 1879.

DAVID McLELLAN, G. S. E., in Account with Grand Chapter.

No. 1—Ancient Frontenac	\$25 00	Brought Forward	..\$762 60
" 2—The Hiram	41 40	No. 53—Bruce	40 80
" 3—St. John's	33 00	" 54—DeWarrenne	39 00
" 4—St. Andrew and St. John	44 50	" 55—Niagara	34 40
" 5—St. George's	42 90	" 56—Georgian	11 40
" 6—St. John's	83 60	" 59—Sussex	14 40
" 7—Moira	51 70	" 61—Perth	10 80
" 8—King Solomon's	43 10	" 62—York	10 00
" 11—St. Mark's	4 60	" 65—Ontario	9 00
" 12—Cataraqui	48 50	" 66—Seaforth	6 60
" 15—Wawanosh	13 60	" 67—Enterprise	14 60
" 16—Carlton	23 00	" 68—Maitland	7 20
" 18—Oxford	10 40	" 69—Grimsby	7 00
" 19—Mount Moriah	32 60	" 70—Grand River	4 00
" 20—Mount Horeb	6 80	" 71—Prince of Wales	18 70
" 22—Grenville	21 60	" 72—Keystone	1 00
" 24—Tecumseh	8 20	" 74—Beaver	18 80
" 27—Manitou	16 60	" 75—St. Clair	8 70
" 28—Pentalpha	8 20	" 76—Mount Nebo	7 80
" 30—Huron	13 40	" 77—Occident	38 40
" 31—Prince Edward	12 40	" 78—Minnewawa	24 20
" 32—Waterloo	13 40	" 79—Orient	36 20
" 36—Corinthian	10 70	" 80—Ark	65 80
" 37—Victoria	12 20	" 81—Aylmer	29 20
" 39—Botsford	22 80	" 82—Shuniah	7 20
" 40—Guelph	16 20	" 83—Ionic	10 00
" 41—Harris	29 80	" 84—Lebanon	24 60
" 47—Wellington	33 00	U. D.—Exeter	40 00
" 48—St. John's	4 20	Interest on \$4,500 Domin-	
" 49—Elora	10 20	ion Stock	225 00
" 50—Saugeen	25 00	Interest on Bank Deposits	64 71
Carried Forward	..\$762 60		\$1,592 11

CASH STATEMENT.

Moneys received by the Grand Scribe E., and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, from 14th August, 1878, to 11th August, 1879.

1879.	1878.
Aug. 11—To Receipts..\$1,592 11	Nov. 8—By G. Treas....\$112 50
	1879.
	Feb. 12 " " 244 50
	Mar. 12 " " 129 00
	April 12 " " 143 90
	May 5 " " 112 50
	" 12 " " 137 00
	July 17 " " 64 71
	" 18 " " 263 20
	Aug. 11 " " 384 80
<u>\$1,592 11</u>	<u>\$1,592 11</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Certificates.....	\$393 00
Dues.....	560 20
Registration Fees	251 00
Dispensations, Chapters	40 00
Dispensations, various.....	18 00
Warrants.....	40 00
Constitutions.....	20
Interest on \$4,500 Dominion Stock.....	225 00
Interest on Bank Deposit.....	64 71

\$1,592 11

E. MITCHELL, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND CHAPTER.

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DR.

		DR.	CR.
1878.	1878.		
Aug. 19—To cash from past Grand Treasurer...	\$2,216 66		\$21 25
Nov. 5 " Interest on 5 per cent. Dominion Stock, to 31st Oct. 1878	112 50		50 00
" 10 " Bank interest on deposits to date.	26 63		500 00
1879.			50 00
Feb. 13 " Cash and Orders, Grand Scribe E.	244 50		125 00
Mar. 15 " " Grand Scribe E.	129 00		291 48
April 15 " " "	143 90		21 00
May 5 " Interest on 5 per cent. Dominion Stock, to 30th April, 1878	112 50		
" 12 " Cash, Grand Scribe E.	137 00		50 00
" 12 " Bank int. on deposits to 10th May	26 78		125 00
July 14 " " " date....	11 30		50 00
" 18 " Cash, Grand Scribe E.	263 20		12 00
Aug. 11 " " "	384 80		125 00
" 11 " " "			41 95
" 11—By Balance.....			2,151 09
		\$3,808 77	\$3,808 77

ASSETS.

Balance on hand.....	\$2,151 09
Five per cent. Dominion Stock.....	4,500 00
	<u>\$6,651 09</u>

E. MITCHELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS ACCORDING TO LAST RETURN RECEIVED.

NO.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.	SCRIBE E.
1	Ancient Frontenac	Kingston.....C.	Third Tuesday in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov...	G. M. Wilkinson...	A. LeRicheux
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton.....H.	First Monday of every month.....	J. M. Meakins.....	B. J. Morgan
3	St. John's.....	London.....L.	Fourth Wednesday of every month.....	Wm. Hawthorn.....	John Siddons
4	St. Andrew & St. John	Toronto.....T.	Third Friday of every month.....	Wm. Brydon.....	W. H. J. Evans
5	St. George's.....	London.....L.	Third Tuesday of every month.....	J. Ferguson.....	H. A. Baxter
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....H.	Second Thursday of every month.....	Donald McPhie.....	John Dickson
7	Moir.....	Bellville.....P.E.	First Tuesday of every month.....	G. H. Pope.....	Donl. McLean
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....T.	Third Monday of every month.....	T. Sargent.....	A. Patterson
10	New Brunswick.	St. John.....N.B.	First Thursday of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
11	St. Mark's.....	St. Andrew's N.B.	Second Thursday of every month.....	R. Glenn.....	W. D. Forster
12	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....C.	Second Monday in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov.	Robt. Hendry, Jr..	A. Shaw
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....L.	Second Friday in Jan., April, July & Oct..	E. A. Vidal.....	Jas. Woods
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa.....C.	Second Monday of every month.....	P. N. Mason.....	W. Anderson
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....W.	First Friday of every month.....	C. L. Beard.....	J. E. Thacker
19	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharine's N.	Friday on or before full moon of each month	G. Walker.....	J. D. Christie
20	Grenville.....	Brantford ....Wn.	First Wednesday of every month.....	John Taylor.....	Robt. Morton
22	Ezra.....	Prescott .....C.	First Wednesday in Jan., April, July & Oct.	J. H. Kenning.....	A. Parker
23	Tecumseh.....	Simcoe.....W.	Second Wednesday of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
24	St. Mark's.....	Stratford.....Hn.	Last Tuesday of every month.....	T. Baker.....	W. G. Mowat
26	Manitou.....	Trenton.....P.E.	Second Wednesday of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
27	Pentalpha.....	Collingwood...T.	First Friday of every month.....	John Ferguson.....	J. M. Murray
28	McCallum.....	Oshawa.....O.	First Friday of every month.....	Wm. Deans.....	J. Boyd
29	Huron.....	Dunnville.....N.	Friday on or after full moon of every month	S. Waltho.....	M. F. Haney
30	Prince Edward..	Goderich.....Hn.	First Friday of every month.....	Jos. Beck.....	E. Hosker
31	Waterloo.....	Picton.....P.E.	Friday on or after every full moon.....	Wm. Lawson.....	Donald Ross
32	Signal.....	Galt.....Wn.	Monday on or after full moon of every month	A. Taylor.....	J. Shupe
34		Orillia.....T.	First Tuesday of every month.....	T. B. Newton.....	A. F. DuLmage

35	Keystone.....	Whitby.....	O.	Third Thursday of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
36	Corinthian.....	Peterboro'.....	O.	Third Friday of every month.....	H. C. Winch.....	D. Fraser, M. D.
37	Victoria.....	Port Hope.....	O.	Second Thursday of every month.....	Chas. Doeblar.....	W. B. Wallace
38	Seymour.....	Bradford.....	T.	Friday on or before full moon of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
39	Botsford.....	Moncton.....	N. B.	Third Monday of every month.....	G. H. Pick.....	Geo. Ackman
40	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	Wn.	Friday on or after every full moon.....	J. Inglis.....	J. Mimmack
41	Harris.....	Ingersoll.....	W.	First Tuesday after full moon of every month.....	C. H. Slawson.....	A. Macaulay
44	Mount Sinai.....	Napanee.....	C.	Wednesday after every full moon.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
45	Excelsior.....	Colborne.....	O.	First Thursday of every month.....	T. W. Cumming.....	M. Williams
46	St James.....	St. Mary's.....	Hn.	Second Wednesday of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
47	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	L.	Thursday on or before full moon every month.....	Thos. C. Macnabb.....	Jas. Birch
48	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	O.	Friday on or before full moon every month.....	R. J. Winch.....	G. J. Stephens
49	Elora.....	Elora.....	Wn.	Wednesday after full moon every month.....	Wm. Elliot.....	W. Gay
50	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	Wn.	Second Wed. Jan., March, May, July, Sep., Oct.	Jas. Hargreaves.....	F. S. O'Connor
52	Prince Rupert.....	Winnipeg.....	M.	First Thursday of every month.....	J. H. Bell.....	Chas. N. Bell
53	Bruce.....	Petrolia.....	L.	First Thursday of every month.....	Wm. Stevenson.....	R. Lawyer
54	De Warrenne.....	St. Thomas.....	N.	Thursday after the full moon of every month.....	D. McHarty.....	A. J. Clarke
55	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	N.	First Tuesday of every month.....	J. M. Clement.....	R. Best
56	Georgian.....	Owen Sound.....	T.	First Tuesday of every month.....	J. Creaser.....	J. McWhirter
57	King Hiram.....	Pt. Colborne.....	N.	First Thursday of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
58	Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	C.	First Monday of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
59	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	C.	Friday on or before full moon of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
60	Doric.....	Newmarket.....	T.	First Wednesday of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
61	Granite.....	Perth.....	C.	Second Monday of every month.....	John Hart.....	J. G. Campbell
62	York.....	Eglinton.....	T.	Fourth Thursday of every month.....	Wm. Norris.....	S. T. Humberstone
63	Havelock.....	Lucknow.....	Hn.	First Monday of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
64	Willson.....	Welland.....	N.	Last Wednesday of every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
65	Ontario.....	Yorkville.....	T.	Second Wednesday of every month.....	S. Le N. Neave.....	Alex. Dixon
66	Seaforth.....	Seaforth.....	Hn.	Friday before full moon of every month.....	J. H. Benson.....	M. R. Counter
67	Enterprise.....	Harriston.....	Wn.	Tuesday after full moon of every month.....	R. Noakes.....	John Connell
68	Maitland.....	Maitland.....	C.	Thur. nearest f. m. in Mar., June, Sep. & Dec.	J. Moore.....	G. C. Longley
69	Grimsby.....	Grimsby.....	N.	First Wed. in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sep. & Dec.	W. E. Millward.....	Wm. Forbes

Return of Subordinate Chapters, &c., Continued.

NO.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.	SCRIBE E.
70	Grand River.....	Waterloo.....Wn.	First Wednesday after full moon.....	J. S. Perine.....	J. H. Webb
71	Prince of Wales..	Amherstburg..L.	First Wednesday on or before full moon..	C. W. Thomas....	F. Smith
72	Keystone.....	St. Thomas....L.	Third Friday in every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
73	Erne.....	Port Stanley..L.	First Friday in every month.....	No Returns.....	No Returns
74	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....L.	Second Tuesday of each month.....	J. B. Watson.....	Ed. Nugent, M.D.
75	St. Clair.....	Milton.....H.	Second Wed. in Jan. and alternate months	J. E. Harrison....	J. Lyon
76	Mount Nebo.....	Drummondv'l..N.	First Friday after full moon.....	Geo. Collins.....	S. Barnett
77	Occident.....	Toronto.....T.	Fourth Monday of every month.....	Jas. Wilson.....	Robt. Charlton
78	Minnewawa.....	Park Hill.....L.	Third Wednesday of each month.....	E. E. Chipman....	W. W. Rutherford
79	Orient.....	Toronto.....T.	Third Wednesday of every month.....	G. C. Patterson...	John K. Brydon
80	Ark.....	Windsor.....L.	First Wednesday of each month.....	P. A. Craig.....	J. H. Wilkinson
81	Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....L.	Friday on or after full moon of every month	C. W. Clarke.....	J. P. Vigars
82	Shuniah.....	P. A. Landing Hn	Friday on or before full moon.....	S. W. Ray.....	R. W. Greg
83	Ionic.....	Orangeville...Wn.	Tuesday after the full moon of every month	Wm. Watson.....	D. Watson
84	Lebanon.....	Wingham....Hn.	First Wednesday of each month.....	J. E. Tamlyn.....	
85	Exeter.....	Exeter.....Hn.	First Tuesday of each month.....	Jas. Sutton.....	

NOTE.—The capital letters on the right of "where held" column indicate the several Districts, viz.:—C., Central; H., Hamilton; Hn., Huron; L., London; M., Manitoba; N., Niagara; N.B., New Brunswick; O., Ontario; P.E., Prince Edward; W., Wilson; Wn., Wellington.

BALANCES IN LEDGER, AUGUST, 1879.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	WARRANT GRANTED.	NO RET'NS	NO RETURNS.	LAST RETURN.	AM'T THEN DUE.	CREDIT
1	Ancient Frontenac.....	Kingston.....	A. D. 1795	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879	\$	.....
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton.....	" 1820	.....	.....	"	106 00	.....
3	St. John's.....	London.....	" 1844	.....	.....	"	40	.....
4	St. Andrew and St. John.....	Toronto.....	" 1847	.....	.....	"		.....
5	St. George's.....	London.....	" 1854	.....	.....	"		.....
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	" 1855	.....	.....	"		.....
7	Moir.....	Belleville.....	" 1856	.....	.....	"		.....
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	" 1857	.....	.....	"		.....
10	New Brunswick.....	St. John, N. B.....	Feb. 24, 1859	.....	1879	Jan. 31, 1878		.....
11	St. Mark's.....	St. Andrew, N. B.....	Sept., 1846	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879		.....
12	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	A. D. 1859	.....	.....	"	1 00	.....
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....	Feb. 8, 1860	.....	.....	"		.....
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa.....	"	.....	.....	"		.....
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	"	.....	.....	"		.....
19	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines.....	Feb. 21, 1861	.....	.....	"	10 00	.....
20	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford.....	"	.....	.....	"		.....
22	Grenville.....	Prescott.....	Feb. 20, 1862	.....	.....	"		.....
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe.....	"	.....	1879	Jan. 31, 1878	1 80	.....
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	Aug. 11, 1863	.....	1879	Jan. 31, 1878		.....
26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton.....	Aug. 14, 1866	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879		.....
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood.....	"	1874	5-6-7-8-9	Jan. 31, 1873	19 00	.....
28	Pentalpha.....	Oshawa.....	Aug. 13, 1867	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879	20	.....
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville.....	"	.....	.....	"	49 60	.....
30	Huron.....	Goderich.....	"	.....	.....	"		.....
31	Prince Edward.....	Pictou.....	Aug. 11, 1868	.....	.....	"		.....

BALANCE IN LEDGER, AUGUST, 1879.—Continued.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	WARRANT GRANTED.	NO RET'NS	NO RETURNS.	LAST RETURN.	AM'T THEN DUE.	CREDIT
32	Waterloo	Galt.....	Aug. 11, 1868	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879	.....	.....
34	Signet	Orillia.....	Aug. 10, 1869	.....	.....	"	\$7 90	.....
35	Keystone	Whitby	"	1877	1878-9	Jan. 31, 1876	21 30	.....
36	Corinthian	Peterboro' .....	"	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879	.....	.....
37	Victoria	Port Hope .....	"	.....	.....	"	.....	.....
38	Seymour	Bradford.....	Aug. 10, 1870	.....	1879	Jan. 31, 1878	9 70	.....
39	Botsford	Moncton, N. B. ....	"	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879	7 50	.....
40	Guelph	Guelph .....	"	.....	.....	"	.....	.....
41	Harris	Ingersoll.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....	.....
44	Mount Sinai	Napanee.....	Aug. 9, 1871	1876	1877-8-9	Jan. 31, 1875	.....	.....
45	Excelsior	Colborne.....	"	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879	7 60	.....
46	St. James'	St. Mary's	"	1874	5-6-7-8-9	Jan. 31, 1873	2 75	.....
47	Wellington	Chatham .....	"	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879	.....	.....
48	St. John's	Cobourg	Aug. 14, 1872	.....	.....	"	.....	.....
49	Elora	Elora.....	"	.....	.....	"	6 00	.....
50	Saugeen	Walkerton.....	"	.....	.....	"	9 40	.....
52	Prince Rupert	Winnipeg.....	"	.....	.....	"	31 60	.....
53	Bruce	Petrolia.....	"	.....	.....	"	11 20	.....
54	DeWarrenne	St. Thomas.....	Aug. 13, 1873	.....	.....	"	.....	.....
55	Niagara	Niagara .....	"	.....	.....	"	.....	.....
56	Georgian	Owen Sound .....	"	.....	.....	"	.....	.....
57	King Hiram	Port Colborne.....	Aug. 14, 1874	.....	1879	Jan. 31, 1878	10 00	.....
58	Pembroke	Pembroke.....	"	1876	1877-8-9	Jan. 31, 1875	10 00	.....
59	Sussex	Brockville .....	"	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879	7 60	.....
60	Doric	Newmarket.....	"	1878	1879	Jan. 31, 1877	.....	.....

61	Granite.....	Perth.....	Aug. 14, 1874	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879	.....
62	York.....	Eglington.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
63	Havelock.....	Lucknow.....	"	.....	1879	Jan. 31, 1878	\$7 00
64	Willson.....	Welland.....	Aug. 11, 1875	.....	1879	"	10 00
65	Ontario.....	Yorkville.....	"	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879	.....
66	Seaforth.....	Seaforth.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
67	Enterprise.....	Harriston.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
68	Maitland.....	Maitland.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
69	Grimsby.....	Grimsby.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
70	Grand River.....	Waterloo.....	Aug. 9, 1876	.....	.....	"	.....
71	Prince of Wales.....	Amherstburg.....	"	.....	.....	"	20
72	Keystone.....	St. Thomas.....	"	.....	1879	Jan. 31, 1878	.....
73	Erie.....	Port Stanley.....	"	.....	1879	"	.....
74	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	"	.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1879	.....
75	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
76	Mount Nebo.....	Drummondville.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
77	Occident.....	Toronto.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
78	Minnewawa.....	Park Hill.....	Aug. 8, 1877	.....	.....	"	.....
79	Orient.....	Toronto.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
80	Ark.....	Windsor.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
81	Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....	Aug. 14, 1878	.....	.....	"	.....
82	Shuniah.....	Pr. Arthur's Landing.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
83	Ionic.....	Orangeville.....	"	.....	.....	"	.....
84	Lebanon.....	Wingham.....	"	.....	.....	"	2 80
85	Exeter.....	Exeter.....	Aug. 13, 1879	.....	.....	"	.....

TABULAR STATEMENT EXTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST JANUARY, 1879.—Continued.

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	No. of Admis- sions.	No. of Join- ings.	Restor'd	With- drawals	Suspen- sions.	Expell'd	Deaths.	No. Membr's
67	Enterprise.....	Harriston.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
68	Maitland.....	Maitland.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	21
69	Grimsby.....	Grimsby.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25
70	Grand River.....	Waterloo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	20
71	Prince of Wales.....	Amherstburg.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	35
72	Keystone.....	St. Thomas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37
73	Erie.....	Port Stanley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
74	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	34
75	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	35
76	Mount Nebo.....	Drummondville.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
77	Occident.....	Toronto.....	9	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	1	57
78	Minnewawa.....	Park Hill.....	7	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	40
79	Orient.....	Toronto.....	10	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	26
80	Ark.....	Windsor.....	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
81	Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
82	Shuniah.....	Pr. Arthur's Landing.	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	25
83	Ionic.....	Orangeville.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
84	Lebanon.....	Wingham.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
85	Exeter.....	Exeter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
			216	30	2	117	70	0	37	3,403

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on the Roll.....	75	Number Withdrawals Reported	117
“ Represented in Grand Chapter.....	40	“ Suspensions “	70
“ Registrations Reported.....	216	“ Deaths “	37
“ Joinings “	30	“ Expelled “	0
“ Restored “	2	Total number of Members on Roll of Grand Chapter 3,403	
Total amount of Receipts, 1878-9		\$1,592 11	

SUSPENSIONS.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 3.

St. John's, London.

George J. Griffin.

No. 5.

St. George's, London.

J. T. Brown.
J. D. McLean,
Geo. Glass.
Thos. Powell.
John Rinden.

S. Laner.
H. D. Young.
Wm. McGeechey.
W. S. Morden.
W. C. Marion.

James Smith.

No. 7.

Moirs, Belleville.

James Mackay.
John H. Holden.

Geo. A. Simpson.
Jas. H. Simpson.

No. 8.

King Solomon's, Toronto.

W. H. Coen.
Thos. Smeaton.
A. B. Wright.
T. H. Schnieder,

G. R. Kingsmill.
John Walker.
T. Keele.
J. T. Culverwell,

Montague Davis.

No. 16.

Carleton, Ottawa.

H. W. Bennett.
J. P. Featherstone.
Jonas Hagey.
Hugh Sutherland.

D. S. Eastwood.
Rev. W. J. W. Finlay.
J. H. Langford.
C. S. Shaw.

William Timbers.

No. 19.

Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.

Wm. Boyd.
S. J. J. Brown.
S. G. Dolson.
S. E. Hopkins.

Henry James Brown.
D. W. Corbin.
N. Haight.
J. C. Young.

Conrad Quackenbush.

No. 28.

Pentalpha, Oshawa.

Thos. Walker.
Chas. T. Gibbs.
Jas. Pringle.
Morgan Davis.
Robt. Strong.
Wm. Stephenson.

Jas. Emaney.
C. R. D. Booth.
Jas. P. Smith.
John Stanton.
C. W. Smith.
Robt. McPherson.

John Gilmore.

No. 45.

Excelsior, Colborne.

R. E. Bywater,
Richard Gibson.
John H. Willoughby.

Robert Ward.
Wm. Errington.
Fred R. Schon.

No. 52.

Prince Rupert's, Winnipeg.

W. B. Thibaudeau.

Rev. James D. O'Meara.

Archibald McNee,

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

No. 24.

Tecumseh, Stratford.

William Robert Knox.

No. 27.

Manitou, Collingwood.

John McFadyen.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 1.

Ancient Frontenac, Kingston.

Hiram Orland Hitchcock.

No. 2.

The Hiram, Hamilton.

William T. Jones.

AT REST.

NAME.	NAME AND NUMBER OF CHAPTER.	DATE.
J. C. Prout.....	2, The Hiram.....	Jan. 9, 1878.
Donald McDonald..	4, St. And. & St. John.	Jan. 20, 1879.
Adam Brown Scott..	" "	Oct. 26, 1878.
Rev. Wm. Logan....	5, St. George's.....	July 10, 1878.
Norris F. Bierly....	6, St. John's.....	Sept. 18, 1878.
John Taylor.....	7, Moira.....	March 12, 1878
George Brunt.....	8, King Solomon's....	July 28, 1878.
R. C. Benedict.....	12, Cataraqui.....	Jan. 22, 1879.
W. P. Vidal.....	15, Wawanosh.....	Nov. 4, 1878.
John Cobb.....	16, Carleton.....	Dec. 23, 1878.
Robert Kemp.....	19, Mount Moriah.....	Sept. 22, 1878.
Jas. Alex. McCulloch.	24, Tecumseh.....	Feb. 25, 1878.
F. O. Illing.....	"	Jan. 7, 1879.
George Hopkins.....	28, Pentalpha.....	Oct. 26, 1878.
J. McK. Davidson ...	32, Waterloo.....	Dec., 1878.
Wm. Fraser.....	47, Wellington.....	March 5, 1878.
John P. McPherson..	"	April 26, 1878.
Rollin M. Durand....	53, Bruce.....	Jan. 19, 1879.
Robt. John Moffatt..	56, Georgian.....	June 3, 1878.
William Cole.....	"	No Date.
George Oliver.....	61, Granite.....	Sept. 8, 1878.
William Dobbin.....	68, Maitland.....	Oct. 24, 1878.
John Collier.....	"	Oct. 25, 1878.
Robert Kemp.....	69, Grimsby.....	Sept. 22, 1878.
William Scott.....	70, Grand River.....	April 3, 1878.
Joseph Taylor.....	71, Prince of Wales....	No Date.
Jacob Bastedo.....	75, St. Clair.....	Dec. 26, 1878.
Thomas Sellens.....	76, Occident.....	No Date.



In Memoriam.

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION

THOMAS J. CORSON,

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST AND
GRAND SECRETARY

Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

DIED MAY, A. D. 1879.

AT REST.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, 1879-80.

M. E. Comp.	Daniel Spry, Toronto,	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. E.	Donald Ross, Picton,	H.	
"	Henry Macpherson, Owen Sound,	J.	
"	Rev. St. G. Caulfield, Windsor,	Gr. Supt.	London District
"	C. L. Beard, Woodstock,	Wilson	"
"	H. K. Maitland, Guelph,	Wellington	"
"	J. M. Meakins, Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
"	Isaac F. Toms, Goderich,	Huron	"
"	George Walker, Beamsville,	Niagara	"
"	Jas. B. Nixon, Toronto,	Toronto	"
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"	S. M. Conger, Picton,	P. Edward	"
"	Thos. Gordon, Kingston,	Central	"
"	Jas. McNichol, Jr., St. Johns,	New Brun.	"
"	W. N. Kennedy, Winnipeg,	Manitoba	"
"	David McLellan, Hamilton,	Grand Scribe	E.
"	John Fisher, Eglington,	"	N.
"	William Brydon, Toronto,	Principal Sojourner.	
"	Edward Mitchell, Hamilton,	Treasurer.	
"	John McLaren, Mount Forest,	Registrar.	
V. E.	Chas. W. Brown, Toronto,	1st Asst. Sojourner.	
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"	John Moore, Ottawa,	Sword Bearer.	
"	John Inglis, Guelph,	Standard Bearer.	
"	S. W. Ray, Prince A. Landing,	Direct'r Ceremonies.	
"	Gibson Cook, Bradford,	Organist.	
"	C. W. Thomas, Amherstburg,	Pursuivant.	
"	Ichabod Baker, Stratford,	} " Stewards.	
"	William Watson, Orangeville,		
"	J. E. Tamlyn, Wingham,		
"	T. W. Cumming, Colborne,		
"	W. W. Summers, Hamilton,	Janitor.	

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 " " John Fisher, Grand Scribe N., Eglington, ex-officio.

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 " " William Carey, Hamilton.
 " " Thomas Sargant, Toronto.
 " " William Forbes, Grimsby.
 " " J. J. Mason, Hamilton.

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND Z.

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 " " James Wilson, Toronto.
 " " William Gibson, Hamilton.
 " " T. C. Macnabb, Chatham.
 " " J. G. Burns, Toronto.

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"	" David McLellan,	" " Georgia.
"	" " "	" " Pennsylvania.
"	" R. Ramsay,	" " Nebraska.
"	" " "	" " Ohio.
"	" " "	" " Illinois.
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"	" " "	" " New York.
"	" " "	" " Mississippi.
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"	" " "	" " Quebec.
"	" " "	" " Vermont.
"	" W. H. Weller,	" " Wisconsin.
"	" Henry Macpherson,	" " California.
"	" J. J. Mason,	" " Nevada.
"	" Wm. Brydon,	" " Virginia.

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"	" George S. Blackie,	" " Tennessee.
"	" H. P. Duel,	" " Nebraska.
"	" Chas. A. Woodward	" " Ohio.
"	" John S. Bowen,	" " New York.
"	" William Brinsmaid,	" " Vermont.
"	" Jno. S. McCoy, M. D.,	" " Dist. of Col.
"	" James A. Miles,	" " Illinois.
M. E.	" W. H. Tuller,	" " Georgia.
"	" Arthur Fletcher,	" " Nova Scotia.
"	" Louis Wiggin,	" " California.
"	" Richard D. Pulford,	" " Wisconsin.
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"	" Thomas R. Patton,	" " Pennsylvania.
"	" Thomas Milton,	" " Quebec.
"	" J. W. Wilson,	" " Iowa.
M. E.	" G. W. Dame, M. D.,	" " Virginia.
R. E.	" S. W. Chubbuck,	" " Nevada.
M. E.	" Frederick Binckes,	Mark Lodge, England.

GRAND CHAPTERS AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	CHAIRMAN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.
Alabama.....	James Harvey Joiner, Talladega....	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.....	Palmer J. Pillans, Mobile
Arkansas.....	M. M. McGuire, Dardanelle.....	L. E. Barber, Little Rock.....	Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco
California.....	Nathan Weston, Spalding, Oakland	Thos. H. Caswell, San Francisco	Henry Robertson, Collingwood
Canada.....	Daniel Spry, Toronto.....	David McLellan, Hamilton....	Wm. N. Byers, Denver
Colorado.....	Edward H. Collins, Denver.....	E. C. Parmelee, Georgetown...	John H. Barlow
Connecticut.....	Dwight Waugh, Stamford.....	J. K. Wheeler, Hartford.....	J. Thomas, Budd
Delaware.....	Alfred G. Cox, Middletown.....	Geo. W. Stone, Wilmington....	N. D. Larner
Dist. of Columbia	Matthew Trimble, Washington....	Chas. W. Hancock, Washington	Samuel Pasco
Florida.....	Finos Wasgate, Jacksonville.....	D. C. Dawkins.....	Samuel Lawrence
Georgia.....	Wm. J. Johnson, Fort Gaines.....	J. E. Blackshear, Macon.....	Theodore T. Gurney
Illinois.....	John D. Hamilton, Chester.....	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago...	S. S. Johnson
Indiana.....	M. H. Rice, Indianapolis.....	J. M. Bramwell, Indianapolis...	T. R. Ercanbrack
Iowa.....	A. W. Daugherty, Dubuque.....	W. B. Langridge, Muscatine....	E. T. Carr, Leavenworth
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Michigan.....	David C. Spaulding, Lyons.....	W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids.....	Oliver Clifton
Minnesota.....	E. A. Hotchkiss, Winnebago.....	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul....	J. W. Luke
Mississippi.....	R. B. Brannin, Aberdeen.....	J. L. Power, Jackson.....	Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha
Missouri.....	Noah M. Givan, Harrisonville.....	Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis.....	J. J. Bell, Exeter
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White, Plattsmouth....	W. R. Bowen, Omaha.....	
New Hampshire.	G. W. Currier, Nashua.....	Géo. P. Cleaves, Concord.....	
New Jersey.....	G. H. Jones, Phillipsburg.....	Geo. D. Edwards, Jersey.....	

GRAND CHAPTERS AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.—Continued.

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New York.....	David F. Day, Buffalo.....	Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo....	D. A. Ogden
North Carolina..	C. M. Van Osdel	Donald W. Bain, Raleigh.....	James Southgate
Nova Scotia.....	Wm. A. Hesson, Halifax.....	James Gossip, Halifax.....	James Gossip
Ohio	Jas. W. Underhill, Canton.....	Jas. Nesbitt, Troy.....	Thos. J. Melish
Oregon	John B. Congle, Portland.....	R. P. Earhart, Salem.....	T. McF. Patton
Pennsylvania. . .	W. C. Hamilton, M.D., Philadelphia	John Thompson, Philadelphia..	Chas. E. Meyer
Quebec.....	J. H. Graham, Richmond.....	Angus Grant, Montreal.....	G. H. Burnham, C.H. Carpenter, Jr.
Rhode Island. . .	Wm. N. Ackley, Warren	Wm. R. Greene, Providence....	
South Carolina..	W. J. DeSaussure, Charleston	J. E. Burke, Charleston.....	
Tennessee	B. F. Haller, Memphis	John Frizzell, Nashville.....	
Texas	G. M. McWhirter, Belton	Robt. Brewster, Houston.....	Robt. M. Elgin
Virginia.....	Alfred S. Lee, Richmond.....	W. B. Isaacs, Richmond.....	W. B. Isaacs, Richmond.
Vermont	A. A. Hall, St. Albans.....	W. H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington	Ed. S. Dana, New Haven
West Virginia... .	John W. Grantham, Milledgeway. . .	O. S. Long, Wheeling.....	J. P. C. Cottrill
Wisconsin.....	Oliver Libbey, Green Bay	J. W. Woodhull, Milwaukee ..	
Gen. Grand Chap..	John Frizzell, Nashville.....	C. G. Fox, Buffalo.	
England.....	H. R. H. Prince of Wales.....	John Hervey.....	
Scotland.....	Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart.....	Lindsay Mackersy.....	
G. Mark Lodge of England & Wales	Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale.....	Fred. Binckes.....	

LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS.

NO. 1—LONDON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Rev. St. G. Caulfeild,
Windsor.

No. 3, St. John's, London,	Middlesex County.
" 5, St. George's, London,	" "
" 15, Wawanosh, Sarnia,	Lambton "
" 47, Wellington, Chatham,	Kent "
" 53, Bruce, Petrolia,	Lambton "
" 54, De Warrenne, St. Thomas,	Elgin "
" 71, Prince of Wales, Amherstburg,	Essex "
" 72, Keystone, St. Thomas,	Elgin "
" 73, Erie, Port Stanley,	" "
" 74, Beaver, Strathroy,	Middlesex "
" 78, Minnewawa, Park Hill,	" "
" 80, Ark, Windsor,	Essex "
" 81, Aylmer, Aylmer,	Elgin "

NO. 2—WILSON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. C. L. Beard, Woodstock.

No. 18, Oxford, Woodstock,	Oxford County.
" 23, Ezra, Simcoe,	Norfolk "
" 41, Harris, Ingersoll,	Oxford "

NO. 3—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. H. K. Maitland, Guelph.

No. 20, Mount Horeb, Brantford,	Brant County.
" 32, Waterloo, Galt,	Waterloo "
" 40, Guelph, Guelph,	Wellington "
" 49, Elora, Elora,	" "
" 50, Saugeen, Walkerton,	Bruce "
" 67, Enterprise, Harriston,	Wellington "
" 70, Grand River, Waterloo,	Waterloo "
" 83, Ionic, Orangeville,	Wellington "

NO. 4—HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. J. M. Meakins, Hamilton.

No. 2, The Hiram, Hamilton	Wentworth County.
" 6, St. John's, Hamilton	" "
" 75, St. Clair, Milton	Halton "

NO. 5—HURON DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, Goderich.

No. 24,	Tecumseh, Stratford.....	Perth County.
" 30,	Huron, Goderich.....	Huron "
" 46,	St. James', St. Mary's.....	Perth "
" 63,	Havelock, Lucknow.....	Bruce "
" 66,	Seaforth, Seaforth.....	Huron "
" 82,	Shuniah, P. A. Landing.....	Algoma District.
" 85,	Exeter, Exeter.....	Huron "
" 84,	Lebanon, Wingham.....	" "

NO. 6—NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. G. Walker, Beamsville.

No. 19,	Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.....	Lincoln County.
" 29,	McCallum, Dunnville.....	Monck "
" 55,	Niagara, Niagara.....	Niagara "
" 57,	King Hiram, Port Colborne.....	Welland "
" 64,	Willson, Welland.....	" "
" 69,	Grimsby, Grimsby.....	Lincoln "
" 76,	Mount Nebo, Drummondville.....	Welland "

NO. 7—TORONTO DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. Jas. B. Nixon, Toronto.

No. 4,	St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.....	York County.
" 8,	King Solomon's, Toronto.....	" "
" 27,	Manitou, Collingwood.....	Simcoe "
" 34,	Signet, Orillia.....	" "
" 38,	Seymour, Bradford.....	" "
" 56,	Georgian, Owen Sound.....	Grey "
" 60,	Doric, Newmarket.....	York "
" 62,	York, Eglinton.....	" "
" 65,	Ontario, Yorkville.....	" "
" 77,	Occident, Toronto.....	" "
" 79,	Orient, Toronto.....	" "

NO. 8—ONTARIO DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. Chas. Doeblar, Port Hope.

No. 28,	Pentalpha, Oshawa.....	Ontario County.
" 35,	Keystone, Whitby.....	" "
" 36,	Corinthian, Peterboro'.....	Peterboro' "

No. 37, Victoria, Port Hope.....	Durham	County.
" 45, Excelsior, Colborne.....	Northumberland	"
" 48, St. John's, Cobourg.....	"	"

NO. 9—PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. S. M. Conger, Picton.

No. 7, Moira, Belleville.....	Hastings	County.
" 29, St. Marks, Trenton.....	"	"
" 31, Prince Edward, Picton.....	Prince Edward	"

NO. 10—CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. Thos. Gordon, Kingston,

No. 1, Ancient Frontenac, Kingston.....	Frontenac	County.
" 12, Cataraqui, Kingston.....	"	"
" 16, Carleton, Ottawa.....	Carleton	"
" 22, Grenville, Prescott.....	Grenville	"
" 44, Mount Sinai, Napanee.....	Lennox	"
" 58, Pembroke, Pembroke.....	Renfrew	"
" 59, Sussex, Brockville.....	Leeds,	"
" 61, Granite, Perth.....	Lanark	"
" 68, Maitland, Maitland.....	Grenville	"

NO. 11—NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. Jas. McNichol, Jr., St. John.

No. 10, New Brunswick, St. John.....	St. John,	N.B.
" 11, St. Mark's, St. Andrew's.....	St. Andrew's,	"
" 39, Botsford, Moncton, ..	Westmoreland,	"

NO. 12—MANITOBA DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. W. N. Kennedy, Winnipeg.

No. 52, Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.....	Manitoba.
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REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

FOR 1879.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to present their Annual Report for the year 1879. They have received and Examined the Proceedings of *forty-one* Grand Chapters, and the following pages will contain the most interesting and instructive passages we can extract from these Proceedings.

We will endeavor to be as brief as possible; but it is sometimes a difficult matter to condense, and at the same time to give a clear idea of the various subjects and actions necessary to be noticed in a Report of this kind.

Our list this year is as follows:—

Ireland.....	1879	Missouri.....	1878
Alabama.....	1878	Nebraska.....	1878
Arkansas.....	1878	Nevada.....	1878
California.....	1878	New Hampshire.....	1878
Colorado.....	1878	New Jersey.....	1878
Connecticut.....	1879	New York.....	1879
Delaware.....	1879	North Carolina.....	1878
Dist. Columbia.....	1878	Nova Scotia.....	1878
Georgia.....	1878	Ohio.....	1878
Illinois.....	1878	Oregon.....	1878
Indiana.....	1878	Pennsylvania.....	1878
Iowa.....	1878	Quebec.....	1878
Kansas.....	1878	Rhode Island.....	1878
Kentucky.....	1878	South Carolina.....	1879
Louisiana.....	1879	Tennessee.....	1878
Maine.....	1878	Texas.....	1878
Maryland.....	1878	Vermont.....	1878
Massachusetts.....	1878	Virginia.....	1878
Michigan.....	1879	West Virginia.....	1878
Minnesota.....	1878	Wisconsin.....	1879
Mississippi.....	1879		

IRELAND.

We have again to thank R. E. Comp. James H. Neilson, of Dublin, for the following information in regard to the Grand Chapter of Ireland:—

The Grand Officers for the year 1879 are:

Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., King.
 Charles Capel Macnamara, LL.D., Deputy King.
 Charles A. Cameron, M.D., High Priest.
 John Fox Goodman, Chief Scribe.
 George Hill Major, Captain of Host.
 Rev. J. A. Galbraith, F.T.C.D., Sup. of Tab.
 George J. Norman de Arcy, J.P., Royal Arch Capt.
 Rev. Benjamin Gibson, A.M., Capt. of Sect. Veil.
 John Hodges, Capt. of Purple Veil.
 Robert W. Griffin, LL.D., Capt. of Blue Veil.
 Rev. Thomas J. Welland, A.M., Chaplain.
 Maxwell C. Close, D.L., M.P., Treasurer.
 Samuel B. Oldham, Registrar.
 Charles Foot, Janitor.
 Richard L. Stevens, }
 William Townley, } External Janitors.

REPRESENTATIVES.

From the Grand R.A.C. of Scotland, [Vacant.]

At the Grand R.A.C. of Scotland, Thomas E. MacRitchie.

The Stated Convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland for 1879 will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the following Wednesdays, viz:—February 5th, April 30th, July 2nd, and November 5th, at Eight o'clock, p.m.

The Royal Arch Board of General Purposes meets at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the Friday preceding each Quar-

terly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, at Four o'clock, p. m. All communications to be laid before the Board should reach the Grand Registrar's Office at least one week previous to each meeting.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction will meet at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the following Wednesdays in 1879, viz:—January 22nd, February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd, May 28th, and November 26th, at Eight o'clock, p. m. Davenport Crosthwaite, LL.D., Hon. Secretary, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter Committee of Inspection meets on the third Monday in each month (except August,) at Four o'clock, p. m., names for which should be sent in at least one week previously.

All communications should be addressed to Samuel B. Oldham, Grand Registrar, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

ALABAMA.

The fifty-second Annual Convocation was held at Montgomery, December 3rd, 1878.

R. E. Comp. James Milton, D. G. H. P., presiding.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. James E. Cobb, was absent through illness. His address was read by the Grand Secretary. He has the following remarks on the condition of the Craft in Alabama:—

"It is known to you that the past year whilst offering in many respects a more favorable outlook than the years preceding, has not been such as to encourage hopes of rapid improvement in the condition of our Order. Difficulties, to which we have had occasion to refer heretofore, have been only partially removed, and the prudent Craftsman looks for the restoration of Chapters to the full strength and efficiency of former and better times, through the process of slow and gradual development. The omens are not unpropitious. In the the improvement observable in the country generally, and still more

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in the firm faith and steady devotion of many faithful ones, we have the earnest of this development, and of assured prosperity in the not distant future.

“ ‘They also serve who only stand and wait.’

“The exigencies of the times have demanded, and still demand of us, this service of vigilant patience, and readiness to utilize opportunities which a gradually improving condition of things may offer. But whilst we have cause for hopefulness rather than discouragement, there is much to be done, through the personal exertions of vigilant Craftsmen, in reviving zeal and stimulating activity in subordinate Chapters. ‘There is work for every man to do,’ and I would most fraternally urge you, Companions, to a full realization of personal responsibility.”

A Committee was appointed to investigate and report upon a plan of Endowment, or Beneficiary Scheme, amounting to \$1,000, to be paid to the heirs of all Royal Arch Masons who participate therein. They will report at the next meeting.

The following resolution was adopted:—

“*Resolved*, That hereafter any Royal Arch Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction, having a less number of candidates for Exaltation than is required by the Ritual, may substitute from its membership a sufficiency to make up the number.”

Comp. P. J. Pillans reports on Correspondence, in his usually able manner. In his notice of New York, he remarks on the necessity of the Warrant being present at all meetings of the Chapter, as follows:—

“It seems very odd to us that so learned and respectable a body as this Grand Chapter, and more particularly its Committee on Jurisprudence, many of whom are the most profound R. A. Masons of the country, should hold that a Charter in the keeping of the High Priest need not be in the Chapter when it is open, because, forsooth, ‘in case of necessity he could produce it,’ ‘and no clandestine assembly could have availed itself of its protection.’ All this might with equal propriety be said if the same were in the office safe of the High Priest. But to constitute a Lodge, there must not only be present ‘a sufficient number of Brethren,’ but also the three great lights, and the Warrant empowering them to work. As well might a Lodge be without one as the other; the requirement is equally binding in one particular as another, and if we can dispense with one portion, why not with all? Yet, we find that in New York ‘the actual presence of the Charter was

not requisite to the regularity of the Convocation.' Then what is necessary?"

M. E. Comp. James Harvey Joiner (Talladega), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre (Montgomery), Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The 29th Annual Convocation assembled at Little Rock, on October 10th, 1878, and adjourned until January 9th, 1879.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, with R. E. Comp. M. M. McGuire, D. G. H. P., presiding.

They sustained a great loss by the death of their G. H. P., Comp. J. W. Jordan, which took place on June 24th, 1878. He was one of their oldest and most honored Companions.

Many of the Chapters are in a more prosperous condition than heretofore, and give promise of improvement in the future.

A plan of consolidation with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was agreed to, and these degrees are now appended to the Chapter.

St. John's College has been placed upon a footing of increased usefulness. Provision has been made for the education of thirty Masonic students, free of charge.

The time of meeting was changed to the Thursday preceding the day on which Grand Lodge meets.

M. E. Comp. M. M. McGuire (Dardanelle), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. L. E. Barber (Little Rock), Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at San Francisco, April 9th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Henry H. Knapp, Grand High Priest.

There are 49 Chapters on the roll, with a membership of nearly 3,000. The Grand High Priest states that the business depression has not seriously impaired the prosperity of the Order. We copy one of his decisions:—

“ ‘When an applicant has been elected to the degrees in a Chapter, and before he has received the first, can a Companion object to his being advanced without assigning a reason therefor?

“ Answer. An objection before the applicant has received the first, or Mark Degree, has the effect of a black ball, and cannot be questioned; but if one or more Degrees have been conferred before the objection is interposed, it then becomes the subject of investigation.”

The Grand Secretary reports that the Subordinate Chapters have done very little work. He attributes this inactivity to the drought and consequent partial failure of the crops, and to the financial depression.

The Special Committee on the transfer of the Council degrees to the Chapters, presented a report which was adopted by Grand Chapter. After referring to the postponement of action in this matter by the General Grand Chapter, the report concludes as follows:—

“ In the consideration of this subject, your committee will briefly state their conclusions upon the propriety of any further action in the matter at this time. Some four or five of the jurisdictions have assumed the power to accomplish the purpose of our memorial, and have transferred the degrees of Royal and Select Master to the Royal Arch Chapters, and dissolved their Council organizations. Is this action desirable, with us? Is it prudent? Your Committee think not. We desire to accomplish this transfer, believing it to be for the best interests of, and the future prosperity of, Royal Arch Masonry everywhere, but especially in California; but we desire to perfect the change in accordance with law, usage, and regulations—it involves a change of systems that should not be made until after the fullest anticipation.

of possible objections. We think wonderful progress has already been made, and are firm in the belief that, as the subject will undoubtedly be presented at the next triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in 1880, it cannot fail of success.

"In Masonic matters, especially those involving organic changes, experience has taught us it is always best to 'make haste slowly.' We are a conservative organization, and let us retain that characteristic; for these and other reasons your committee do not present the detailed plan for the carrying into effect the 'proposed transfer' referred to in the last resolution of our memorial, but respectfully recommend the continuance of this committee, with the suggestion that said committee or its successor be requested to present said memorial, in person, to the General Grand Chapter at its next session."

On the question of the Chapter standing of a Companion expelled by his Lodge, the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted:—

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the questions proposed by the representative of *Libanus* Chapter, No. 17, having considered the same, report: that a Master Mason expelled by his Lodge has become for all Masonic consideration dead. And as a man cannot die in one locality and continue his existence in another on this terrestrial body, he is dead also in this Chapter, no matter whether he was returned as excluded or included.

"Restoration by the Grand Lodge restores him to his rights and privileges as a Master Mason, but not to membership in his Lodge. Can it restore him to membership in his Chapter? We think not; and that he can get back only in the way provided for the newly born—by petition for affiliation and ballot."

We also copy two other reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence, on the subject of the reduction of fees and dues, both of which were adopted, and both are well worthy of attention:—

"The undersigned, members and a majority of your Committee on Jurisprudence, have considered the proposed amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, having for its object the reduction of the dues of subordinate Chapters from one dollar for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll to the sum of fifty cents. Your Committee on Finances have endorsed the practicability of the proposition, and certified to you in their report the sufficiency of the proposed tax to meet the estimated expenses of this Grand Body for the ensuing year. We believe fully in the policy of reducing the burdens imposed upon our subordinates whenever and wherever possible.

"In our opinion this body is formed purely for legislative purposes, and has no need of, nor should it levy, a tax upon its constituents for the accumulation of funds; for although it has the power, we doubt the

wisdom of exercising that power. We are undergoing a period of severe business depression. We are now suffering the penalties of the results of internecine conflict and civil war, with its legitimate bad effects upon our moneyed system, the demoralization of values incident to attempts of our legislators to resume payment in coin. The situation demands the practice of the most rigid economy in the expenditures of associations, as well as in the affairs of private life; and we believe the practice should commence with us right here to-day. We therefore recommend the adoption of the proposed amendment."

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence have considered the proposed amendment of Comp. Bradford, to amend Section 5 of Article VII, by striking out "fifty" and inserting "twenty-five." The effect of this amendment would be to permit Chapters to confer the degrees for a sum not less than twenty-five dollars. To this proposed amendment we are unanimously opposed. We would reduce the burdens imposed upon Royal Arch Masons in all cases consistent with our demands as an organization; but we would not attempt to rival the many associations of good fellows existing in our day and generation, by cheapening Masonry. We therefore recommend that the amendment be not adopted."

Comp. Charles L. Wiggin reports on correspondence, and notices our Proceedings of 1877. He compliments us on our material prosperity.

M. E. Comp. John M. Browne (Vallejo), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Thomas H. Caswell (San Francisco), Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

The fourth Annual Convocation was held at Denver, September 19th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Oren H. Henry, Grand High Priest.

He reports profound peace and perfect harmony prevailing within their borders. No decisions were made, nor any grievances to settle.

The Grand Chapter decided that the standing of a member in his Chapter is not affected by his name being stricken

from the roll of his Lodge for non-payment of dues. We agree.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. William N. Byers, and notices Canada for 1876 and 1877.

M. E. Comp. Edward H. Collins (Denver), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. E. C. Parmelee (Georgetown), Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The eighty-first Annual Convocation was held at New Haven, May 13th, 1879.

M. E. Comp. Dwight Waugh, Grand High Priest.

The promptitude with which these Proceedings were issued is something remarkable. We received our copy on May 23rd, less than *ten days* after the meeting.

Comp. Waugh issued one dispensation for a new Chapter. He recommends that non-affiliated Masons should not be admitted to the Chapter. Perfect harmony continues to prevail.

The following was adopted as a permanent resolution:—

“*Resolved*, That the Chapters in this Jurisdiction are strictly forbidden to receive the applications of non-affiliated Master Masons for the Capitular Degrees.”

Comp. John H. Barlow reports on correspondence, and notices our Proceedings for 1878. He wishes us to explain the titles Scribe E. and N.

Our two Scribes represent Ezra and Nehemiah, the selectors and expounders of the sacred law, and attendants on

the august Sanhedrim. Scribe Ezra is the Secretary of our Chapter. Scribe Nehemiah is the Assistant Secretary, and it is also his duty to prepare and accompany candidates through the ceremony of exaltation.

M. E. Comp. Dwight Waugh (Stamford), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. K. Wheeler (Hartford), Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The eleventh Annual Convocation was held at Wilmington, January 15th, 1879.

M. E. Comp. A. G. Cox, Grand High Priest.

He visited all the six Chapters in the Jurisdiction, and has the following remarks on their condition:—

“During the Masonic year which has just closed, and which we have met to review, the most pleasant and harmonious relations have existed among the workers in our mystic temple, and, so far as I know, not a single note of discord has disturbed the good feeling which prevails throughout the entire jurisdiction.

“Owing to the long continued stagnation of business, that degree of prosperity has not been attained which characterized Royal Arch Masonry in former years.

“Quite a goodly number of brethren, however, have been admitted and passed the veils; such I trust, as will reflect credit upon Capitular Masonry, and promote the best interests of our time-honored institution.

“And yet, Companions allow me to say just here, that our prosperity is not dependent on increase of membership alone; the *quality* rather than the quantity of the material knocking at our doors for admission, is what will constitute our true success and give permanency and prosperity to our order.”

Comp. J. P. Allmord, the Grand Secretary, having served seven years in that position, declined re-election.

The Committee on revision of Constitution was discharged, and a motion for a new Committee was lost.

The following was adopted:—

“*Resolved*, That Section 3 of our Constitution be so construed as to allow only those regularly *appointed* and *installed* to office in this Grand Chapter, to be considered as members of this Grand Chapter, and as such be entitled to vote and hold office in this Grand Chapter.”

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. J. Thomas Budd. He reviews our Proceedings for 1877 and 1878, and says:—

“A most acceptable address was made by Comp. Henderson, in which the difficulty between the Grand Chapters of Canada and District of Columbia is fully discussed, and we confess our inability to see why the District of Columbia should have assumed the position she did when it appears to *our finite mind* that Canada had acted courteously all the while. However it is now settled, and, we hope,

“ ‘Deep in the bosom of oblivion buried.’ ”

“The G. Z. pays a touching tribute of affection to the lamented Gouley. We of Delaware feel that he was ours, and a kind word to his worth touches a tender spot in the heart of Delaware. A page is set apart *in memoriam*. The report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the able pen of Companion Henry Robertson. He reviews the Grand Proceedings of some twenty-four Grand Chapters, Delaware included, and informs us in his entry bow that this is the Tenth Annual review prepared by the same Committee. Well, he ought not to be bashful, and now, Companion R., if we (in our first review) ‘say anything we should be sorry for, we are glad of it.’

“He notices Delaware briefly. How we do wish these people who think of us as a small State, with small Chapters, small ideas, small aspirations, could raise enough money to come down here and see our large peach orchards, large oysters, large terrapin, large fish, large strawberries, large houses, large hearts, and not the least, our large expectations, they would soon drop the insinuating cant (we nearly always get from large jurisdictions), and these good fellows would credit us for our worth.”

All of which goes to show that these large people with small expectations are determined to get their proper share of attention, and their good nature under very trying circumstances is worthy of all commendation. We must protest, however, against being made the scape-goat for the offences of others. There is no “cant” in our Reports, and we have looked over them in vain to find any remark in the slightest degree disparaging to our good Companions of Delaware.

M. E. Comp. Alfred G. Cox (Middletown), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Stone (Wilmington), Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The twelfth Annual Convocation was held at Washington, December 11th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Joseph S. McCoy, Grand High Priest.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a well-written, practical, and business-like document. On the condition of the Craft, he says:—

“In relation to the transactions of the year, I have the pleasure to state that the Royal Craft has proceeded steadily onward.

“The additions to our membership have been, I am persuaded, such as we may well be proud of, and while the number of Exaltation has been less than in some former years, still in my opinion we stand morally and intellectually in a better position than perhaps ever before.”

“I am happy to say that no case of grievance has been presented to me during the year. This speaks well for the wisdom and moderation with which the Chapters have been governed during that period.”

He recommends the recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales.

The Grand Officers made their usual annual visitations to each Chapter, at which addresses and lectures on different subjects were delivered.

The Proceedings are brief, and only of local interest.

Comp. N. D. Larner was not able to prepare the report on Correspondence. Our proceedings for 1878 were received.

M. E. Comp. Matthew Trimble (No. 614, 13th street, N. W., Washington), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Chas. W. Hancock (No. 1443, Corcoran street, N. W., Washington), Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The fifty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Macon, April 24th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Luther J. Glenn, Grand High Priest.

He states that nothing of special importance has transpired within their jurisdiction during the past year. Their numbers have remained about the same and harmony prevailed.

The business transacted was entirely local.

Comp. Samuel Lawrence notices Canada for 1877, in his able report on Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. Wm. J. Johnson (Fort Gaines), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. E. Blackshear (Macon), Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The twenty-ninth Annual Convocation was held at Chicago, October 24th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. James C. McMurtry, Grand High Priest.

On "decisions," he says:—

"During the year I have been called on to make many decisions, nearly all of which, however, have been decided by my predecessors, or were answered by the By-laws of this Grand Chapter.

"One only involved anything new. A Chapter having amended its By-laws to change the time of electing its officers from the June meeting to the meeting in December, '*or the next meeting following*,' I decided the By-law was 'bad,' and the election void; because the election of officers must occur at a *certain stated meeting*, not at one or the next."

He congratulated the Grand Chapter on the continued harmony prevailing throughout this large jurisdiction. The

reports of the District Deputies do not show a single case of grievance.

The following resolution was adopted:—

“Resolved, That the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be and is hereby directed to report the necessary legislation to more fully carry out, in a constitutional manner, the consolidation of the Council degrees under the authority of the Grand Chapter.”

There were 178 chartered Chapters, with a membership of 10,000.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was reduced from \$1000 to \$600, to take effect after one year.

Comp. Theodore T. Gurney has an excellent report on correspondence. He has the following remarks on dues:—

“Nonpayment of dues becomes an offence when the member, with ability, neglects or refuses, after the proper notice to liquidate the claim; and it is just as much of an offence as if he had otherwise taken money from the Chapter unlawfully. We agree with him, however, that punishment for this violation of obligation should only follow a fair trial.”

We have heretofore contended for the complete independence of the Chapter organization, especially in the discipline and standing of its own members, and regardless of Lodge action, except as provided in our Chapter Constitution. In his notice of California, Comp. Gurney has some strong arguments on this subject. He says:—

“There has always existed a variety of opinion on this subject, because Masons whose views are recognized as good authority have persistently declined to accept facts that seem to lie at the foundation of the difficulty.

“Heretofore we have been deterred by various influences from speaking upon this subject above a whisper; but we are now of the opinion that the anomaly in our self-imposed relations to Craft Masonry should be discussed, better understood, and we relieved from servility.

“In the first place, there are no official relations existing between Capitular and Craft Masonry that are remotely recognized by the latter. All such claim or suggestion by us is entirely gratuitous, and

founded on a purpose, on our part, so to unite the bodies that the Chapter should be known as a section of a general system.

"To accomplish this, when the Chapter was instituted as a distinct organization, it carried with it so much of the esoteric work of the Lodge as should make the assumption plausible. This is also true of the half-score of organizations that have had a similar origin with the Chapter, and which, with equal propriety and for like reasons, assume to be the continuation of a body that turns a deaf ear to all such claims or pretensions.

"We now put the question squarely:—By what authority from the Lodge do we, as Royal Arch Masons, employ or make use of any portion of its esoteric work—*signs, grips, or words?*

"Our objective point is this: If the Chapter should abandon that part of Craft Masonry which it now usurps in violation of obligation, then the difficulties growing out of discipline would be removed, and we left at liberty to exercise the functions of an independent, sovereign body.

"It has not been our purpose to discuss this subject at length, but rather to draw attention to our true relations to Masonry, in the expectation that its importance will attract attention."

He believes that the right of objection is sacred and should be respected; but that "a Chapter of one hundred members having determined a question, should not be at the mercy of a single objector."

On the same subject, he makes a distinction (which we think a proper one) between an objection before initiation and after. We fully agree with these remarks:—

"Companions, a few words on this subject. We had not intended to trespass any further upon your attention in this matter, but the more thought we give it, the more are we impressed with its importance. In the first place, do not associate an objection to an elected profane, with an objection to an elected brother. They are entirely dissimilar. We need not stop to explain to an intelligent Mason why this would be improper. In the second place, do not lose sight of the fact that the election or rejection of a candidate is the *act* of the Chapter, and that an objection is the *act* of the individual *only*. The question with us is, should the Chapter, after having elected an applicant, be compelled to accept the dictum of a single member, and thus *forced* into a position that will reflect upon its integrity. Every candidate understands from the petition he presents that the Chapter is a sovereign body, and that his application must meet with unanimous approval, notwithstanding the fraternal relations existing between him and the section of Masonry with which he wishes to unite himself, but he further understands that he seeks associations with *brethren*, who, in another department of the Masonic household, have contracted (with him) obligations that should insure the same consideration, if his petition be accepted, that is accorded him in his advancement

in the Lodge. Learning from his intercourse with that body that, after a petitioner has taken his first step in Masonry, his progress, as in Illinois, cannot be barred at the pleasure of a member, but, on the contrary, that he has been invested with rights that are inherent, and of which he cannot be deprived except for good cause; is he not reasonably justified in the expectation that, after having received the unanimous consent of his *brethren* to further advancement (and thus, *de facto*, recognized in the new relation to which he aspires), that his rights thus acquired should not be abridged except for the same causes that would stay his progress in the Lodge? If you extend your protection after he has received the first degree in Masonry, is he not, as a *Mason*, as much entitled to your care after having received the *third*, and elected to the *fourth*, *fifth*, *sixth* and *seventh*? Our opinion is, that he has been clothed with a fraternal right which nothing but the judgment of the Chapter should impair. It may be, and is, undoubtedly, often true, that the candidate has been elected under a misapprehension, and should be stayed in his progress, but we hold it to be equally true that the Chapter should decide this question, and not be forced to degrade itself with the confession that it lies helpless at the feet of envy or malice. We have frequently stated our reasons for these views, but will briefly repeat them. The Chapter is held to be an integral part of Masonry, and necessary to the system. We claim to confer the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh degrees of that system. We are not satisfied with this claim merely, but employ the agencies that would seem to warrant it, in assuming to make the Chapter a section of Craft fraternity by appropriating a vital portion of the esoteric work of the Lodge. Now, what fact does this assumption embrace, if not, that the obligations and exorteric injunctions of the Lodge are of force in their *entirety*; and must be respected as much as if renewed by specific obligations in the Chapter. We therefore hold that it is indefensible to adopt any regulations that contravene any pledge or obligation made to or with a brother, without being in a position to render a satisfactory reason for the act."

We also copy his comments on the practice in Oregon, of allowing visiting Companions to vote on applications for degrees:—

"The customary objections to this system are of minor importance. We do not think, with Comp. Wiggan, that because the system opens up an extended opportunity for the gratification of vindictiveness, that this fact is at all commensurate with the importance of the general principles involved. We believe that the practice of permitting one Lodge to interfere with the conclusions of another, to be incompatible with our safety, and contrary to established principles in fraternal government. In the olden time, when speculative Masonry was diminutive in its proportions, and existed under governments that did not entertain that high regard, as now, for personal rights, Masons were content with systems that reflected the genius of their political institutions; but when Masonry began to stretch forth its hands and grasp continents; when the children of Britain sought at home and in this country an enlarged field of personal responsibilities

Masonry accepted the general sentiment of the period, and established itself into independent sovereignties, that reflected in a large degree the political thought of the state; each seeking by its own methods to conserve the welfare of the fraternity, with a well-defined determination to maintain jurisdictional independence. Lodges and Chapters were therefore organized upon the *same general principles*; each being permitted the custodianship of its local interests, and only amenable to the general law of the jurisdictions in which they existed. We therefore insist, that if it is necessary that Grand Chapters maintain their independent sovereignty, it is just as important that their constituents should be free to exercise exclusive control over their internal affairs. We admit the general inclination to centralization, of which this regulation of our Oregon brethren is but an offshoot, but we hope that the enlightened sense of the brethren of this country will not accept a principle that may prove fatal to the present system of craft authority.

"Aside from the foregoing, brethren will please bear in mind that a Mason, in his best estate, is but human. We do not think that any man has a higher appreciation of fraternal power than the writer; but an experience of thirty years has demonstrated that each Masonic body approximates so closely to the thought of our household and domestic relations, that the introduction of any device, however well it may appear theoretically, that tolerates the interference of one Chapter with the affairs of another, would be productive of the same results that would follow the interference of Comp. Wiggin with the family affairs of Comp. Patton.

"Again. Chapters are controlled by their local interests. These interests are oftentimes varied; so much so that the prosperity of one Chapter frequently excites disquietude in another. It will not do to say that this should not be so. We must take men as we find them, and construct our organizations accordingly. Masonry would not be of any importance to the world if men, as a rule, sought the welfare of their fellows. Our objections to this law of Oregon do not rest upon its application to that particular jurisdiction, but upon the general principle that there is no safety for the local Masonic family if the neighbor, directly or indirectly, and from its own determination, is permitted to interfere with the affairs of another. Our impressions are, from our knowledge of human nature, that if Portland had eight Chapters of concurrent jurisdiction, the Committee on Grievances would have abundant employment."

M. E. Comp. John D. Hamilton (Chester), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Gilbert W. Barnard (Chicago), Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The thirty-third Annual Convocation was held at Indianapolis, October 23rd, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Simeon S. Johnson, Grand High Priest.

In opening his annual address he mentions the death of one of their most prominent members:—

“Less than two months after the close of our last Convocation, Past Grand High Priest Harvey G. Hazelrigg, one of the best known and most prominent Masons of Indiana, died. He had filled every office and position of prominence in every Masonic body, except in the Grand Council, and was at *one* time Worshipful Master of his Lodge, High Priest of his Chapter, Eminent Commander of his Commandery, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. He served twenty-three and one-half years consecutively as Worshipful Master of his Lodge, three years as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, two years as Grand High Priest, two years as Grand Commander, and for thirty-three years never missed a meeting of the Grand Lodge. Is there another Mason in Indiana with such a record as this?”

We copy one of his decisions:—

‘Is it in accord with the principles of Masonry for the Chapter to sue a member in good standing, or is it not in harmony with such principles that such indebtedness, if protracted, be treated as a moral offense, and the moral force of the Order exhausted before any legal measure be resorted to?’

‘Should the Secretary of the Chapter place for collection a note against a brother in the hands of a proper officer for suit and judgment, and such officer is kind enough to give to such person unofficial notice, and on reception of such notice such member gets some six or eight members in good standing to join him in a written statement that such proceedings were not Masonic, and therefore should be withdrawn, and such statement be presented to such Secretary in kindness, should he be influenced thereby and withdraw the suit?’

‘When such an appeal is presented to the High Priest and he requested to have proceedings withdrawn, or suspended until after the next stated meeting of the Chapter, has the said High Priest the authority to peremptorily have the matter stopped? If not, what redress has such member, or how to prevent cost and disgrace?’

‘I have copied these enquiries, in order that Companions may, if possible, find out what was asked. And as they called for no construction of the statute or written law, simply for my views upon the moral aspect of a certain case, I considered the Grand High Priest ‘was entitled to his guess as well as any other person.’

‘Answer. ‘Would always exhaust moral suasion before suing any one, but know of no reason why ‘a member in good standing’ should not pay his indebtedness as well as any one else, and know of no Masonic law treating ‘protracted indebtedness’ as a ‘moral offense to Masonry.’

‘Presumed the Secretary of a Chapter would not authorize suit against a Companion without instruction, or upon due reflection, and

having done so, undoubtedly would not withdraw suit, except clearly convinced an error had been committed.'

" 'In my opinion the High Priest would have no authority to stay proceedings, (unless so ordered by the Chapter.) The 'redress of the member,' *if he has any at all*, is in his Chapter against any one who violates Masonic law. 'How prevent cost and disgrace?' By paying debt if able. If not able and owing (to the Chapter), by saying so to the Chapter and abiding her order.' "

Their finances are not in the most satisfactory condition. We would suggest that they should strike off their pay roll, \$1,400, and thus convert a deficit into a surplus. In closing, he says :—

" The general condition of Royal Arch Masonry : The number of members has decreased during the year—much dead timber has been lopped off—less work has been done, fewer members made, and in some Chapters no work has been done; yet this is not at all alarming; the general condition is good, and gets better year by year, and I can safely say that Indiana is second to no other jurisdiction in moral standing and ritualistic knowledge of the Royal Craft."

The following report was concurred in :—

" The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred so much of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address as relates to the quorum necessary for the transaction of business in the several degrees of the Chapter, having carefully inquired into the subject referred to them, now submit the following report:

" They find that in this jurisdiction it has always been held that to enable a Chapter to work properly in any degree the ceremonial offices of the degrees must all be filled; and we all know that for the Mark Master's Degree this requires eight, for the Past Master's Degree three, for the Most Excellent Master's Degree five, and for the Royal Arch nine.

" Your committee therefore recommend that the Grand Chapter continue to adhere to these old regulations which have so long prevailed with us."

A warrant was ordered to be drawn on the Treasurer for one-half of the amount of the pay-roll (the total amount was \$1,293.90). Scrip was ordered to be issued for the remaining fifty per cent.

The report on Correspondence is by the G. H. P., Comp. S. S. Johnson, and notices Canada for 1877. He wants ex-

planation of the titles of some of our officers, but does not particularize which.

M. E. Comp. M. H. Rice (Indianapolis), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. M. Bramwell (Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Marshalltown, October 15th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Abel W. Daugherty, Grand High Priest.

He issued two dispensations for new Chapters. The past year has been one of peace and prosperity. No complaints were presented, nor a word of reprimand spoken. He believes in the judicious use of substitutes, and reports several decisions, among which are the following :—

“First Query.—Is a Companion Chapter Mason entitled to a dimit *absolutely*, upon payment of dues, without presenting cause therefor?

“Answer.—Certainly; Masonic membership is voluntary, not compulsory.

“Second Query.—A candidate petitions for the capitular degrees and is black-balled, one black ball only appearing against him. The Companion casting the black ball under wrong impressions, a few days thereafter withdraws it—what relation does the candidate sustain to the Chapter?

Answer.—The same relation he did before the petition. A black ball cannot be withdrawn after a rejection has been declared by the chair; but he must petition again and be balloted for, the same as if no previous petition had been presented.”

“To the question: Has a Chapter the right to refuse to grant dimita to Companions who wish to dimit for the purpose of organizing a Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Chapter of which they are members, I replied: They have not the right to refuse to grant the dimita without other cause. The Constitution requires that Companions must dimit from the Chapter to which they belong before they can join in a petition for a new Chapter.

“To the question: To whom should the Royal Arch Captain report an alarm at the door during a session of the Chapter? I replied: To

the presiding officer, unless otherwise instructed, in which case he reports to the Captain of the Host."

In the report on the Library, the Grand Secretary says:—

"I have a number of volumes collected which should be bound during the coming year, and which, unless otherwise ordered, I shall deem it your desire that I have done.

"Our library is greatly indebted to Brother John Moore, Ottawa, Canada, for valuable favors received. He has kindly supplied us with full sets of *The Craftsman*, *The Gavel*, *The Canadian Masonic News*, *The Ontario Freemason*, and volume I. of *The Temple*, by Park & Blumenthal, and a number of other matters of similar character, for which he has the thanks of the librarian. To Brother Thomas, librarian of the Grand Lodge of New York, and to Past Grand Master Nickerson, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and to many other brethren we are also under obligations for many and valuable favors.

"I have, during the year, been able to add a number of interesting and valuable books and pamphlets to our collection; some rare ones; and I have contemplated the preparation of a condensed catalogue of what we have. I have, however, hesitated to commence the work, as to make it and not print it would be useless labor, and I have not felt authorized to incur the expense without your order. It might, however, be made a part of our proceedings for next year, without much expense; and if so ordered, I will, as I may find leisure, prepare it."

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters has ceased to exist, and those degrees are now under the control of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec was recognized.

On "substitutes," the following report was presented; but its adoption was lost by a vote of 105 to 101 :—

"This subject, as was intimated by our M. : E. : Grand High Priest, has been brought before this Grand Chapter upon several occasions, and each time, from the action had, seems to have been looked upon with suspicion by many of the old members, who have come to the belief that the rule requiring three actual candidates in exaltations is in reality a landmark which can be neither changed, altered, amended, or removed. We have carefully considered this matter, and find that said rule is no more a landmark than the day of the month, or a certain day on or before the full moon would be, simply because it had been the time upon which a Chapter had held their regular convocations for a century or less.

"In many jurisdictions in this country substitutes are, and always have been, used; and in fact in Massachusetts, whose Grand Chapter

was organized eighty years ago, the Chapters use not only one substitute, but exalt one candidate, thereby using two substitutes.

"We are all aware that much trouble and inconvenience, both to candidates and Chapters, is caused in our jurisdiction by enforcing the rule, as now required. In some cases candidates have been compelled to wait a year or more after being prepared, before they could be exalted, on account of no other candidate being in readiness. We are, therefore, satisfied that said rule should be amended, and in view thereof offer the following:

"*Resolved.* That hereafter the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction may, at their discretion, use one substitute in exaltations where two actual candidates are ready to receive the Royal Arch degree."

To save expense, the reports on Foreign Correspondence are to be discontinued; yet they pay \$1,000 annually for mileage and *per diem* expenses to the delegates, and vote \$100 for an engraved portrait of their Grand High Priest. The usefulness of these reports is beyond a question, and the total abolition of the payments to delegates would, in our opinion, be the truest economy.

It was decided that a Chapter cannot appeal from its own decision to the Grand Chapter.

On the question of holding the meetings of Grand Chapter only once in two years, the following report was adopted:

"As regards the second resolution, your committee cannot for a moment entertain the idea therein suggested, to change our constitution so as to hold biennial, instead of annual, convocations.

"In our opinion, it would be detrimental to the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. We would very much regret to see the day when the long-established custom of assembling ourselves together in Grand Convocation should be abandoned. We now look forward to these annual gatherings with fond anticipation of meeting and clasping hands and joining social greetings with long-trying friends and companions in our sacred tabernacle, around one common altar, rekindling the fires that burn 'in pure and contrite hearts.' We regard the annual meeting as a sort of jubilee. We return from our labors to our ancient inheritance and established landmarks. To come together but once in two years only—we would forget the pleasant and genial countenances of our best friends. Even our old landmark, Schreiner, would forget us, and draw his faithful sword to prevent our entering this our sacred tabernacle."

Comp. T. R. Ercanbrack reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1877.

M. E. Comp. A. W. Daugherty (Dubuque), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge (Muscatine), Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The fourteenth Annual Convocation was held at Atchison, October 14th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Moses S. Adams, Grand High Priest.

In his address, Comp. Adams reports four new Chapters. In answer to a question as to who were eligible to the office of High Priest, he decided as follows:—

“I am unable to find any legislation by either our Grand Chapter or the General Grand Chapter on this subject, and this has led me to examine into the reasons for the well settled rule in the Master's Lodge, that no one can be elected Master of a Lodge until he has been elected or appointed, and served as Warden in his own or some other regular Lodge. This rule dates back to the Ancient Charges of 1722, and in my opinion was established to secure the Craft against a mistake in the judgment of a majority by reason of which a young and inexperienced member of the Lodge might be elected its chief officer. It seems that some previous preparation was deemed necessary, and that preparation provided for by requiring previous service as Warden. The reason exists with equal force in regard to the office of High Priest, and indeed Article I, Section 6, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, seems to recognize this principle, and requires that a member shall have been installed and presided over a regularly constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons before he is eligible to either the four highest offices of the Grand Chapter. For these reasons, I feel it my duty to overrule the decisions of our Most Excellent Companion Price in 1875, and hold that no member of the Chapter is eligible to the office of High Priest until he has been installed and served as King or Scribe of some regularly organized Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, except in cases of emergency and under special dispensation from the Grand High Priest.”

On the same subject the report of the Committee on jurisprudence was adopted, as follow:—

“As to decision No. 1, we are of opinion that when a decision of a Grand High Priest has been made and reported to the Grand Chapter, and such decision has been duly approved by that Body it becomes an edict thereof, and that a subsequent Grand High Priest can not *overrule* such approved decision or edict.

"A majority of your committee, however, is further of opinion that the principle of said decision No. 1 is the correct rule, and we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution as a Standing Regulation:

"*Resolved*, That previous service in the office of Excellent King or Scribe shall be necessary to qualify a Companion for the office of M. E. High Priest."

Comp. E. T. Carr, who has so worthily filled the offices of Grand Secretary and Reporter for many years, declined reelection, and was elevated to the position of Deputy Grand High Priest.

Before closing, Comp. Owen A. Bassett, P. G. H. P., addressed the Grand Chapter as follows:—

"MOST EXCELLENT: Our R. E. Companion who has so long and so faithfully served us as Grand Secretary, by our action to-day, having been called to a higher station, to a seat in our Grand Council, merits a formal recognition of his labors.

"From our organization he has performed, in an acceptable manner, the duty of recording our transactions. As an incident to his office he has furnished us annually with a general summary of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions.

"And whether as Secretary or reporter he has contributed much to ensure the Royal Craft in Kansas a page in the history of Capitular Masonry.

"I therefore move the thanks of the Grand Chapter to R. E. Companion Erasmus T. Carr, for his fidelity to the tenets reposed in him, for the able manner in which he has performed the various duties enjoined upon him, and for the zeal which he has manifested in maintaining unimpaired the principles of our time-honored Institution."

The above was unanimously concurred in, and ordered to be entered upon the Proceedings.

Comp. Carr apologizes for the absence of an extended report on correspondence. It is the first time in twenty years that he has failed; either for Lodge, Chapter, or Commandery, and he is well entitled to a rest. In his valedictory, he says:—

"From the members of the reportorial corps we most reluctantly separate; we have been in correspondence with some of them for long years, and with many of these have a personal acquaintance, and have become to regard them with more than the ordinary fraternal feelings. They are to us like members of our own family, and we shall part

from them with sorrow, while others who have more recently entered the field, we shall part from with scarcely less regrets. With all of them we have passed many pleasant, though at times weary hours, and for all we entertain naught but kindness. We may at times have differed in our opinions, and may have been abrupt in our criticisms, but whatever we have said has been intended in the spirit of kindness, and we trust has been so received; all have our best wishes."

We cordially reciprocate these good wishes, and can assure Comp. Carr that he retires with all the honors, and the respect and affection of his *confreres*. His valuable reports will be long remembered, and the reportorial staff will lose one of its brightest members.

M. E. Comp. D. W. Coxe (Fort Scott), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. John M. Price (Atchison), Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The sixty-third Annual Convocation was held at Louisville, October 21st, 1878.

M. E. Comp. James B. Blue, Grand High Priest.

He reports a quiet year and the Craft in a prosperous condition. He recommends some action to be taken to correct the diversity of work that exists in the jurisdiction. He made the following decision:—

"During the year the following question was propounded to me by Comp. Jas. Thomas, of Newport:—Has a Chapter the right to confer the degrees upon a railroad conductor who merely passes through the place where the Chapter is located to his place of destination, there being Chapters at said point?

Answer.—No. He must petition the nearest Chapter to his place of residence, if he has one. His place of residence is where the company who employs him says he is to be found when off duty, or, if married, where his family resides."

The Council degrees were merged in the Chapter by a plan of union similar to that adopted by some other States.

Hereafter no petition for the degrees in a subordinate Chapter shall be received from one who is not at the time an affiliated Master Mason.

Resolutions to appoint a Grand Lecturer and District Lecturers without pay were proposed and on motion laid upon the table.

Comp. H. A. M. Henderson reports on correspondence, and notices our Proceedings for 1877. On the "colored question," he says:—

"We are not aware that Masonry has any principle or canon precluding negroes. They are not entitled, by reason or race, to admission. Every Mason has the *right* to exclude *any* candidate by casting a black ball. In the south race prejudice exists and will. White and colored people will not unite in social bonds. Both races are adverse to it. In every Lodge there will be some one to cast the forbidding ball. The object of Masonry is not to establish a universal brotherhood in the literal and widest meaning of that term, but a fraternity of congenial spirits. Masonry implies intelligence. The Fellow Craft degree, specifically, is intended to promote the study of the natural sciences. Geometry is often referred to. It is not supposed that any ignoramus can enter our sacred retreats. Not one negro in one thousand has the mental qualifications to make a Mason. Few of them have the physical qualification. How can one put his heel in the *hollow* of his foot? The vast majority are not free born. Who can tell who among them are legitimate? As long as admission to Masonry depends upon the unmixed white ballot not many colored men will get into our Lodges—and, certainly, none in the South—during the lifetime of this generation. It is useless to rave philanthropy against this state of things. It is of the same character that manifests itself against the Indians and Chinese. The Southern people are kind to the negroes, and will be, but Southern Masons are not prepared to open our Lodges to their admission. We opine, too, that very few Lodges in the North have negro members, or will have soon."

In his conclusion, he says:—

"As some of our Companion reviewers have expressed doubt as to the success of our 'Widows and Orphans' Home,' we say, as a kind of postscript, that it is completed, has capacity for five hundred wards, is an imposing architectural pile, and is handsomely endowed. 'The temple is completed,' the cope-stone has been shouted to its place."

M. E. Comp. G. D. Buckner (Lexington), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. H. Branham (Louisville), Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The thirty-second Annual Convocation was held at New Orleans, February 11th, 1879.

M. E. Comp. William Robson, Grand High Priest.

In the annual address, he says:—

“I am sorry Companions, that I cannot speak to you as cheerfully as I could desire to do on topics which, while not directly associated with the interests of Masonry, do, most certainly, indirectly and greatly affect those interests. Temporal adversities still press heavily upon the people of Louisiana; commercial, agricultural, and financial trials and embarrassments still try the patience and depress the energies of our people, and hope, so long deferred, has made sick the hearts of many. It is not to be wondered at, that under these circumstances all the higher institutions of civilization, those that affect the educational and religious condition of the people, should languish for the want of that material support which an impoverished people are not able to give; or that Masonry should share with these in the injurious effects of such a state of affairs. Still it is my happiness to congratulate you on the signs, which are evident that Masonry is in as healthful a condition now as it has been at any time for years past among us. If we do not progress rapidly, we certainly do not retrograde. And tokens are not wanting of the earnestness and zeal with which many of our Subordinate Chapters labor to promote the good of the Order, nor of the measure of success which attends their labors.”

The following resolutions were adopted by the Grand Chapter:—

“*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, with heartfelt emotion, recognizes the magnificent outburst of spontaneous and unsolicited charity bestowed upon our Order and upon our countrymen, by our brethren and the people generally of the Northern States and foreign countries, and returns sincere and grateful acknowledgement for the same.

“*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter sympathizes with our sister Grand Chapter of Arkansas, in the loss of their Grand High Priest, and that a page of our proceedings be inscribed to his memory.

“*Resolved*, That in our Grand Chaplain, Comp. W. T. D. Dalsell, we recognize the gentleman, the orator, the friend, and the divine *sans reproche*, and while regretting his removal from our midst, we congratulate our Companions of Tennessee on their acquisition, and bespeak for him their kind attention.”

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter request the Committee on ‘Work’ to exemplify all the Chapter degrees once (in any one of the city Chapters) in full form with substitute candidate; and that the

Committee is hereby authorized to open and hold a Chapter of instruction for that purpose, and summons all officers of the city Chapters."

After the adoption of the report of the Committee on Finance, containing the estimates for expenses and pay-roll, a number of the Companions voluntarily donated their allowances for mileage and *per diem* to the Grand Chapter, in order to relieve, in some measure, their straitened pecuniary circumstances.

The printing of the report on correspondence was dispensed with for this year for the same reason. It was prepared by Comp. Joseph P. Hornor, whose ability in this line was fully demonstrated some years ago.

M. E. Comp. Wm. S. Benedict (New Orleans), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor (New Orleans), Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The fifty-third Annual Convocation was held at Portland, May 7th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. A. B. Marston, Grand High Priest.

He reports one new Chapter. We agree with the following decision :—

"*Question.*—A Companion pays his dues regularly in the Chapter, but has been suspended from membership in a Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues. Can a charge of unmasonic conduct be sustained in the Chapter for non-payment of dues in the Blue Lodge?"

"*Answer.*—It cannot. In the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine a Brother, for non-payment of dues, is not suspended from the 'rights and benefits,' but only 'deprived of' or 'suspended' from membership. This action does not affect his standing in the Chapter. A Companion may retain his membership in the Chapter, and be non-affiliate in the Blue Lodge."

Comp. Marston made a number of official visits, and concludes his address with these remarks :—

“The long-continued ‘dull time’ has had its usual depressing effect upon the majority of the Chapters in the State, and, with few exceptions, they have done but very little work. But, as it is said, ‘There is a silver lining to every cloud,’ let us hope that in the near future the scene may change, and that our beloved Order may be blessed with a steady and healthy growth.

“In almost every Chapter which I have visited, where the work has been upon the R. A. degree, I have had occasion to call the attention of the Companions to the rough and sometimes undignified proceedings which have, to a greater or less degree, characterized the work while the candidates were passing through certain portions of the ceremony.

“Companions, remember that those who entrust themselves to our hands, do so in the belief that they are to be treated in such a manner as will show that we respect not only them, but ourselves. Remember that when we stoop to levity in this beautiful degree, we give warrant for the assumption that this belief has not been well founded, and that we are not exemplifying ‘that rectitude of conduct which ought to actuate all those who pass the white veil of the sanctuary.’ Let us, then, who are gathered here as representatives of the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, solemnly determine that henceforth we will use our utmost exertions to reform our respective Chapters in this respect; and that we will not rest until this blot upon our escutcheon has been washed away.”

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales was recognized.

The report on Correspondence is by Comps. J. H. Drummond and John S. Derby. In the notice of Canada for 1877, we find the following remarks on our reports :—

“We agree with him as to the danger of overloading the Chapters with degrees; and we have never seen this argument, against turning the Council degrees over to the Chapters, answered; and the argument is a very weighty one.

“The Council degrees were never a ‘part of the system’ of the A. and A. Rite. It is quite probable that they were once ‘side degrees,’ possessed by the cultivators of that system: but it has long since relinquished all authority over them.

“He holds that a *full year’s service* as High Priest is necessary in order to be a Past High Priest in the Masonic sense. We agree with him in part, but not in full. We hold that one who serves as High Priest for the term for which he was installed is a Past High Priest to all intents and purposes. That is a ‘Masonic year’: if he is elected and installed in December, and the Annual Convention comes in the fol-

lowing November, and his successor is then elected and installed, he becomes a Past High Priest. The unit is not twelve months of actual time, but the Masonic year, as determined by the time when the Annual Convocations are held."

We also copy the following from their notice of Missouri:—

"We do not concede that the teachings of the Royal Arch, or any material component of that degree, ever formed a section of the Master's degree, but, on the contrary, we deny that allegation with the most mulish persistency.

"The degree was not known in 1738; but, six years later, D'Assigny, in his 'Serious and Impartial Enquiry,' warned his brethren against the 'ridiculous innovation' of the Royal Arch, but desired its promoters to be treated with the deference due 'an organized body of men who had passed the chair.'

"Between those dates it no doubt took its rise—not by elimination from the Master's degree, which was probably in its infancy at that time, but as a separate and independent organization. Such is the opinion of Findel, one of the most candid of Masonic antiquarians. Nor do we agree that Cryptic Masonry remained in alliance with and was separated from the Royal Arch in 1795. The 'Select of Twenty-seven,' and probably the Royal Master's degree, were the exclusive property of the Scottish Rite from 1788 to a date as late as 1810. The degree of Super-Excellent Master was evidently a creation of more modern date. There is, however, so slight a basis in many particulars for the historian to build upon, that we won't enter into any very serious controversy with Companion Luke in regard to matters which, in Dundreary's language, 'no fellow can find out.'"

Comp. Drummond has some interesting remarks on the subject of dues in his review of Oregon:—

"His discussion of non-payment of dues exhibits great research and ability. He holds that non-payment of dues is a Masonic offense; that the ancient Masonic punishments were reprimand, suspension and expulsion; hence, according to ancient usage, punishment for non-payment of dues should be one of the three named: but he says 'the inventive genius of the American mind' has invented 'Dropping from the Roll,' 'Suspension from Membership,' and 'Deprivation of Membership,' thereby saying to the one who does not pay dues, 'You are not to be associated with us, but your Masonic standing is in no wise affected.'

"We are obliged to take issue with Com. Patton: the fact is, that originally the non-payment of dues *was not a Masonic offense*, and the idea of depriving a Mason of all Masonic rights for non-payment of dues is a comparatively recent product of 'the inventive genius of the American mind.' We don't think Comp. P. can find an instance of suspension from all Masonic rights for non-payment of dues until within the last fifty years. We have had occasion to become quite familiar with the records of Portland Lodge, organized in 1769, and the theory upon this subject was, that a Mason might pay 'quarter-

ages' and have Lodge privileges, or not pay them and not have those privileges, as he pleased. It was regarded as entirely optional with him: if he failed to pay his dues, his name was dropped from the rolls by the Secretary without any ceremony, but by being dropped he lost none of his Masonic rights or privileges, except those connected with that Lodge: he could be a member of as many Lodges as he pleased, provided he could get elected. The fundamental idea was, that membership was a *privilege*, which a Mason could have by paying for it. In the records of that Lodge for the first fifty years not the slightest trace of his idea, that non-payment of dues is a Masonic offense, can be found. We have looked into the records of many other old Lodges, and we found the same as in the records of Portland Lodge. And we have as yet found no instance of suspension from all Masonic rights for the non-payment of dues till since the revival of Masonry after the Morgan excitement.

"At any rate, we in Maine have an usage for more than one hundred years to justify our law, that the penalty for non-payment of dues shall be only suspension from or deprivation of membership.

"But, for all this, we are not saying that, under our *modern* system, non-payment of dues is not a Masonic offense. Indeed, in many jurisdictions, the law has made it such: and Masons, becoming members of a Lodge or Chapter under the Constitutions and By-laws, are guilty of a Masonic offense if they refuse to pay dues, unless they are unable to do so. • But whether it is better to adhere to the old rule than to follow the new law, is a question not yet satisfactorily decided, and one upon which the Craft are divided—and we can only say that each jurisdiction will adopt the policy which seems best, until experience shall have settled the question."

M. E. Comp. A. R. Marston (Bangor), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Ira Berry (Portland), Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The eighty-first Annual Convocation was held at Baltimore, November 12th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. John S. Tyson, Grand High Priest.

The address of Comp. Tyson contains the following on the condition of the Craft:—

"I have visited officially, and in most cases in company with some of the Grand Officers, all the Chapters in the jurisdiction, with one exception. I am glad to report, that although there has been a decrease in the amount of work as compared with preceding years, I

have found no general indications of lack of zeal among the Craft. There has been some falling off in the attendance of members, but this I have regarded as the natural consequence of the want of work, and not as any real evidence of a lack of interest in our institution.

"I note, as a new feature in the jurisdiction, the extending of invitations from one Chapter to another, which has been practiced to a considerable extent in this city during the past year. On several of these occasions I was present officially, and was much gratified to witness the large attendance, and to participate in the social enjoyment. It is to be hoped that the practice may continue."

The Constitution was amended and revised, and a new edition ordered to be printed.

It was ordered that the report on Correspondence should hereafter be limited to 75 pages.

Comp. E. T. Schultz reports on Correspondence (100 pages) and reviews the proceedings of Canada for 1877 and 1878.

M. E. Comp. E. L. Parker, Jr., (Baltimore), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Wm. A. Wentz (Baltimore), Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The seventy-eighth Annual Convocation was held at Boston, December 10th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. S. B. Harrington, Grand High Priest.

In his address he says:—

"First, then, it is with pleasure that from the Reports of the District Deputies, and my own observation, I can assure you that the work in the Subordinate Chapters has, with rare *exceptions*, been most faithfully and accurately performed. In the Chapters which have come under my own eye, it has been a great source of enjoyment to me to note the enthusiasm, and precision, with which the minutest details of the ritual have been rendered. I say with rare *exceptions*. I refer to the devotional exercises now omitted in some of the Chapters, or rendered in a formal manner, only. In these exercises, our fidelity to the principles of the Order should appear. Is not this one

of our *Ancient Landmarks*? Surely, as Masons, we must offer to the Great Architect the praises due to His name; as creatures of His will, must trust in Him who doeth all things well."

A memorial was read on the death of Comp. John McClellan, Past Grand High Priest and Treasurer of the General Grand Chapter from 1865 till his death. He was for 34 years a conspicuous figure among the Masons of Boston.

There is an elaborate report on the proposal to make Past High Priests permanent members of the Grand Chapter. The Committee closed with a recommendation that the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed, and the report was adopted by a unanimous vote at a quarterly meeting.

Comp. J. W. Dadmun reports on Correspondence. He gives our proceedings for 1878 a good notice. After making several extracts from our report, he says:—

"Massachusetts and Canada work so nearly by the same rule that they may be considered in perfect accord in all essentials, and the fraternal fellowship is "without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."

M. E. Comp. Thomas Waterman, M. D., (146 Boylston street, Boston), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Z. H. Thomas (113 Franklin street, Boston), Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The thirtieth Annual Convocation was held at Jackson, January 21st, 1879.

M. E. Comp. C. J. Kruger, Grand High Priest.

We copy one of his decisions:—

"*Question.*—A Brother Master Mason is elected to receive the Chap-

ter degrees; but before they are conferred upon him a Companion objects.

"The objecting Companion is afterwards suspended from his Lodge for unmasonic conduct.

"Can the High Priest confer the Chapter degrees on the Brother elected, without the removal of such objection?

"*Answer.*—If a Companion objects to the conferring of the Chapter degrees on a candidate after being duly elected, the objection must be withdrawn before he can proceed; but if the objecting Companion is afterwards suspended for unmasonic conduct, that removes the objection so far as he is concerned, and the High Priest may confer the degrees unless some other Companion objects."

On this question, and on another also relating to objections after a clear ballot, the Committee on Jurisprudence reported as under, and their report was adopted:—

"In relation to the question coming to us from Oceana Chapter No. 56. The question is this: Can A, who has taken the Mark and Past Master's degrees, object to B (who has been elected at the same time with A to take all of the degrees) from taking the M. M. degree, and should A give the reasons for his objections?

"Your committee are of the opinion that A has no right to object, that the High Priest is bound to recognize. Should A present such facts derogatory to the character of B as would render him unfit to take the degrees, the High Priest might consider them, and they should have the same weight as from a Master Mason and no more.

"The first question presented by the Grand High Priest is a peculiar one, and we imagine is of rare occurrence. The G. H. P. in the first clause of his answer gives the law which is applicable to this case:

"'The objection must be withdrawn before the candidate can advance.'

"The death or suspension of the objector does not invalidate the reasons given for the objection, we think the better way in all such cases would be a new petition and ballot."

An amended code of By-laws and Trials was presented, and final action is to be had thereon at the next meeting.

The Grand Chapter again decline to interchange representatives, as they "have been unable to discover any good to come of it."

The Grand Secretary has a good report on Correspondence. Our proceedings had not reached him up to the time of going to press.

M. E. Comp. David C. Spaulding (Lyons), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Wm. P. Innes (Grand Rapids), Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The seventeenth Annual Convocation was held at St. Paul, October 8th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Richard J. Marvin, Grand High Priest.

In his annual address Comp. Marvin reports that they have made some progress during the past year, and the institution is established on a firmer basis than ever. He also says:—

“I fear that many of the officers of our subordinate Chapters, particularly the newly elect, do not sufficiently acquaint themselves with the laws, regulations and usages which govern us; and that they also neglect familiarizing themselves with the decisions of other Grand Chapters, together with the wholesome criticisms found in the reports of the Committees on Foreign Correspondence. I find in my acquaintance with Masons of various degrees, that it is not solely among those who have served on important committees for many years in our Grand Bodies that knowledge of these things is to be found; but in the ranks of unofficial membership are frequently found those who are well informed and “can give a logical reason,” because they have been readers and students of Masonic literature in all its accessible extent. Hence, my Companions, you who are the heads and members of your several Grand Councils, and to whom your Companions look for advice and direction, need not lay yourselves open to the charge of incompetency when the means of information at your command are so abundant and accessible.”

“Many societies and orders have been formed in all ages, which have had a precarious and ephemeral existence, whose names are even scarcely known, and have passed into oblivion because they are founded upon selfish and corrupt principles. But such societies as the Ancient Craft and Capitular Brotherhood can never perish so long as they recognize the Divine Father and the human brother in all they do and teach, admitting all within the fold of whatever nation or people under the sun, who will sincerely yield assent to these two great truths, and who shall have been found free from any base or sordid motive. We have but to guard well the portals of our Lodge rooms against the introduction of the selfish, the vile and the base, to insure a permanency that shall last as long as any human institution which man may create.”

There was no business for the Committee on Jurisprudence or for the Committee on Grievances.

This Grand Chapter "goes into Convention" for the election of officers, with the Deputy Grand High Priest presiding. After the election, the Grand High Priest resumes his position, and the Deputy reports the result, which is then confirmed by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1877. In his review of Texas, he explains their method of transacting business in Grand Chapter, so as to dispose of the work in as short a time as possible, one day:—

"The Grand Chapter meets at 12 m.—roll called; if a sufficient number of Chapters answer, the committee on credentials are appointed; the report is made in about six minutes, provided the Grand Secretary has been furnished with the annual returns five days previous to the meeting. The roll is made out with the names of Grand and Past Grand officers; next the three representatives, space left for proxies; a pencil is passed over the names of those not present and the name of proxy, if any, is entered; the report is ready, and answers for the tables of statistics.

"Call to dinner. On re-assembling the Grand High Priest having the roll, has been enabled to select his committees—address, &c.

"Treasurer and Secretary reports; returns, dispensations, &c., &c., referred to the appropriate Committee; call off for two hours or more; committees go to work. On re-assembling the business is all prepared, and ready for action.

"The last thing is the election of officers.

"The expense of the Grand Chapter while in session amounts to about nineteen dollars per hour; remarks are short and to the point; the business is done up, and within twenty-four hours the manuscript is in the hands of the printer.

"System, Comp., such as a good business man would use in his private matters."

M. E. Comp. E. A. Hotchkiss (Winnebago City), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. A. T. C. Pierson (St. Paul), Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The thirty-first Annual Convocation was held at Okolona, January 13th, 1879.

M. E. Comp. John S. Jones, Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest opens his address with a reference to the death of Comp. H. W. Walter, Past Grand High Priest. He fell a victim to the yellow fever, and died at the post of duty in aiding his suffering companions. He was the Chairman of one of the Relief Committees and was very active and energetic in the performance of his arduous duties. Although frequently urged to leave his dangerous post, he believed that his duty called upon him to stay, and he died faithful to his trust. His three sons also took the fever and died while aiding their father in relieving suffering humanity. All honor to these noble Companions.

Comp. Jones closes his address with the following :—

“The Report on Foreign Correspondence will give you general information of the status of the Royal Craft throughout the continent. Through the courtesy of the Grand Secretary, I have been furnished with a copy of the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters. Had I ever entertained doubts of the ability of these reports, those doubts would certainly be now removed, and I give it as my deliberate opinion, if all our members were required to read and digest the valuable information contained in the reports on Foreign Correspondence, they would be better men and Masons.”

The delegates from Sobordinate Chapters are in future to be paid their expenses by their respective Chapters.

The following report was adopted :—

“Your Committee on Grand Representatives, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report in relation to exchange of Representatives with the Province of Quebec, would respectfully recommend that the suggestion, as made, be adopted, and that the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to confer with the Grand High Priest of the Province of Quebec, and arrange for the appointment of Representatives. Your committee are aware that questions may arise as to the authority of this Grand Chapter to act in the premises; but they

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deem it preferable to extend fraternal recognition in this case, rather than abrogate those now existing with the sister Province of Canada."

M. E. Comp. R. B. Brannin (Aberdeen), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. L. Power (Jackson), Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The thirty-second Annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, October 10th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Joseph S. Browne, Grand High Priest.

He reports the Craft in good condition and gives an account of all his official acts. He issued one dispensation for a new Chapter.

The time of meeting was changed from October to May. The next Annual Convocation will be held in May, 1880.

The Grand Lecturer reports the entire disappearance of the frivolity and levity indulged in by some of the Chapters in former years.

Their Grand Treasurer is temporarily in default, through the failure of a banking house, to the extent of \$2,894.66.

The Council degrees are to be taken charge of by the Grand Chapter.

Resolution were adopted as follows:—

"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter be each required to enter into bond to the Grand Chapter, with not less than two good sureties, to be approved by the Grand High Priest, and in such sum as he shall direct, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices."

"Resolved, As a standing regulation by this Grand Chapter, that

when a Companion Royal Arch Mason, hailing from another Grand Jurisdiction, affiliates with a constituent Chapter in this State, he brings with him, as of right, all the official honors, rights and privileges to which he would be entitled had the same been conferred upon him in this jurisdiction; and that such official honors, rights and privileges be, and are, hereby fully acknowledged and recognized and respected by both the constituent Chapters in this State, and by this Grand Body."

A Committee was appointed to secure an Act of Incorporation for the Grand Chapter. We do not favor this action; preferring to be independent of any supervision by the civil authorities.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. J. W. Luke. He gives Canada for 1877 a good notice.

M. E. Comp. Noah M. Givan (Harrisonville), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Wm. H. Mayo (St. Louis), Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

The twelfth Annual Convocation was held at Omaha, December 17th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Edwin F. Warren, Grand High Priest.

He issued dispensations for two new Chapters. Their prosperity is returning. We quote some of his decisions:--

"1. It is not lawful nor permissible to accept, in lieu of cash or its immediate equivalent, the promissory note or due-bill of a brother Master Mason for the fees required by the By-laws, upon conferring the several degrees in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be paid in services as Tiler, or otherwise, nor to give any credit therefor.

"2. It is not lawful to refund or remit the fees for conferring the several degrees in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, nor to *donate* an amount equal thereto, or any part thereof, to the Companion paying the same, whether such Companion or applicant be a clergyman or otherwise.

"4. The Capitular rights of a Royal Arch Mason will not be affected by his taking his dimit from his Lodge.

"5. Chapters U. D. have concurrent territorial jurisdiction with the nearest chartered Chapters over 'material' near it.

"6. A dimit cannot be lawfully withheld from any Companion applying therefor, clear upon the books and in good standing; nor can a Chapter require the applicant for a dimit to give his reasons for asking it. His reasons are his own.

"7. A Companion desiring to dimit is liable for, and properly chargeable with, the full amount of the Grand Chapter dues for the current Masonic year, together with a *pro rata* share of the subordinate Chapter dues whenever he dimits."

The Constitution was amended by providing that five Chapters are necessary to make a quorum for Grand Chapter; also by striking out the clause allowing clergymen to be admitted without fees.

The Council degrees were surrendered to the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary has a good report on Correspondence in which Canada for 1878 is fraternally noticed. In his review of Connecticut, he says:—

"Companion John H. Barlow submits a full and interesting review, giving Nebraska brief mention. He claims a distinction between suspension for cause and for non-payment of dues, with which we do not agree; and thinks the Grand Secretary should announce the constituting of a new Chapter to all others in the jurisdiction—of course he should. In the review the question is presented. When should a Chapter join in out-door processions? Query, should a Chapter *ever* be seen in public? should it not, from its very nature, abstain from publicity under any circumstances?"

His conclusion is rather good:—

"If those who read this review are not more wearied than we who wrote it, we are content. We have learned a good deal in performing the duty, and hope we have presented some facts that will benefit our Companions in Nebraska. Should we attempt to improve the report,—to rewrite it,—no doubt much would be profitably omitted; but, then, would anything remain? It is bewildering to the novice to discover how differently his manuscript sentences appear when in type; how his strong and polished language of the late evening proves weak and un-

couth in the gray morning. He who wields a steel pen in the service of his society may well conclude with—

“Ay me! what perils do environ
The man that meddles with cold iron.”

M. E. Comp. Francis E. White (Plattsmouth), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Wm. R. Bowen (Omaha), Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

The fifth Annual Convocation was held at Virginia, June 10th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Dewitt C. McKenney, Grand High Priest.

There are eight Chapters and six were represented.

The Grand High Priest reports the Craft in a healthy and prosperous condition. He was not called upon to settle any difficulties, or expound any legal question. He recommends a reduction of dues, and also that candidates should be required to have a certain proficiency in each degree before advancement to the next.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec was recognized.

The following resolution on restoration was adopted:—

“*Resolved*, That any Companion Royal Arch Mason within this jurisdiction, being suspended or expelled by the constituent Lodge of which he is a member, or which has jurisdiction of his person, or the offence of which he is charged, and being afterwards restored to good standing by the constituent Lodge which tried him, he is thereby restored to good standing as a Royal Arch Mason,—*provided*, that the Chapter of which he is a member, or having jurisdiction of his person, or the offence with which he is charged, has taken no action in the premises.”

The following reports of Select Committees were adopted:

"Your Select Committee to whom was referred so much of the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest as refers to the advancement of candidates for degrees in Masonry and the resolution of Comp. T. Coffin on the same subject, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Chapters under our jurisdiction be and they are hereby recommended not to confer any degree in Capitular Masonry until the candidate has become proficient in all the preceding degrees in Masonry, and especially that he be found thoroughly conversant with the first sections of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason's degrees, and with all the means of recognition practiced among Master Masons, to be ascertained by a committee, or otherwise."

"Your Select Committee, to whom was referred the matter of "Masonic Keys," submit the following:—

"*Resolved*, That we hereby enter our solemn protest against the authorization of certain printed books, purporting to be Keys of the Chapter Work, by certain of our sister Grand Chapters, believing, as we do, that the general circulation of such works is an evil full of danger to the best interests of the Royal Craft.

"*Resolved*,—That the use of all such books in conferring degrees, or in the examination of visitors, is strictly forbidden within this jurisdiction."

Comp. John D. Hammond has a good report on Correspondence, in which our proceedings for 1877 are noticed. He says:—

"Companion Henry Robertson presented the report on Correspondence. He reviewed the work of twenty-four Grand Chapters, Nevada left out, in an able and impartial manner. Under Colorado he commends the style of the far western printers, and says that many of the older jurisdictions might learn something from them. Which gives us a good opportunity for saying that any printer who would deliberately, and with malice aforethought, bind Chapter proceedings in fancy colored *glazed* paper—as Canada and others come to us—ought to be "shot on the spot," or anywhere else. We have vigilance committees on this coast just aching to get hold of such men."

M. E. Comp. Philip Seldner (Virginia), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. John D. Hammond (Carson), Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The sixtieth Annual Convocation was held at Concord, May 14th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. John J. Bell, Grand High Priest.

He mentions the death of their Grand Secretary, Comp. John A. Harris, one of their most prominent and respected members. He issued one dispensation for a new Chapter. He reports the following decision :—

“Expulsion or suspension from *Lodge membership* does not necessarily affect the Companion's standing in the Chapter.

“Expulsion or suspension *from the rights of Masonry* necessarily deprives him of all standing in the Chapter as he is no longer a Mason: is quoad Mason, in all its forms and branches, dead.”

He has the following paragraph on the subject of work:—

“The subject of the esoteric work is one which demands attention at our hands. The General Grand Chapter at its late session at Buffalo, succeeded as well as heretofore in what attempts it made for uniformity, being unable to agree upon anything, except that there must be nine present to open a Lodge of Mark, Past or Most Excellent Masters, as well as the Chapter; entirely contrary to the usage which has always obtained here. The Grand Council by their meeting are sufficiently authorized to fix upon the work, and instruct therein, but it may well deserve consideration whether an exemplification of the work and lectures by the Grand Chapter, or under its direction, at some suitable time each year, would not be desirable as a means of communicating and preserving the correct work.”

Quebec was recognized.

They have 19 Chapters and 2,123 members.

Comp. Albert S. Wait reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1877. He expresses his disapproval of the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction, and says:—

“We have already expressed, in this report as well as in two similar ones to the Grand Lodge, the view we hold in regard to this doctrine; which is that it is a rule of *comity* and not one of positive law which can be enforced by one jurisdiction against another. The more we reflect upon the subject, the more do we become satisfied that in the former sense only is this doctrine consistent with the general genius of Masonry. The attempts to enforce it as a rule of positive law, have furnished striking examples, so far as we have observed, of its impotency as a governing principle in Masonry, while they have proved it potent for evil and fraught with mischief. We are satisfied that, rather than this interpretation of the rule should prevail, it would be

far better for the interests of the Order that we should go back to the practice as it was before the rule had existence. We feel it to be a subject of great import to the prospective interests of Masonry, and that it is time that it should be considered, not in an American, not in a State, but in a broad Panmasonic spirit, and settled upon a basis which shall preserve the symmetry, as well as the universality of our Institution. If there is any rock upon which Masonry is liable to split, it seems to us this is more likely to be the one than any other now in view; and we utter this as a word of warning, which we believe demanded by the tendency of passing events."

M. E. Comp. J. G. Bell (Exeter), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Geo. P. Cleaves (Concord), Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The twenty-second Annual Convocation was held at Trenton, September 11th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Martin M. Drohan, Grand High Priest.

He reports a partial lack of interest, but taking into consideration the depression of the times, they have a great deal to be thankful for. In his conclusion, he says:—

"Yes, Companions, it is a glorious work. Let the land of its nativity be where it may, its birth when it may, whether wrapped in obscurity or definitely known, it seems to be just what is needed for our common humanity, for it seeks to ingraft in the general scheme for human progress the comprehension of absolute truth and the practice of the Christian virtues. It struggles to reach and embrace a degree of excellence and truth that glimmers far up on the heights above, to elevate man, to enlarge his capacity for pure enjoyment, socially, mentally and morally; but, while doing so, it also recognizes his weakness, bids him look up and be strong. In a word, our law is the law of mutual love and affection, honor and truth. Its field of labor is as broad as the globe, as extended as the misfortunes of mankind. Its mission is the defence of the helpless orphan, the destitute widow, the innocent maiden and the injured and oppressed, wherever and whenever found. By the bedside of the sick and the dying it is often known and felt, not as filling the office of the hireling and stranger, but the full measure of a companion's love and affection. Embarked on such a mission, who can say that it is not a great and glorious Institution? It is a great stream, whose life-tide is sweeping through the very heart of the nation, whose irresistible progress for good is affecting the whole human family—the high, the low, the rich, the poor, the monarch and his subjects, the peasant and the peer."

The following report was adopted :—

“ The Committee on Constitutions, to which has been referred the resolution “ That suspension in the Blue Lodge shall not act as a suspension in the Chapter, unless it shall be for other causes than for non-payment of dues,” reports as follows: This is a subject that does not require any consideration, because the subject matter of the resolution is totally at variance with the principles of Masonry, the usage of the Fraternity, and all good policy. It is impossible to make “suspension” a qualified sentence. If suspension means anything, it means suspension from membership and all the rights of Masonry—during the term of said sentence.

“ The committee recommends that the Grand Chapter once for all stamp with its unequivocal rejection any attempt to establish so monstrous a doctrine.”

With all due deference to the Committee, we think this subject requires a great deal more consideration than they gave it. We make bold to say, that this resolution is not at all at variance with the principles of Masonry. It certainly is not contrary to the usage of the fraternity here, and it is entirely in accord with good policy. The Chapter and Lodge are two distinct organizations and each one is quite capable of taking care of its own members. We have, heretofore, had our say on this subject, and cannot enlarge on it now. To our mind, the views of the Committee are totally opposed to the true liberality of Masonic principles, and we have as much right to stigmatize their opinions as “monstrous”¹ as they have to use that term with reference to a doctrine which is held by many earnest and talented brethren to be the correct one.

The report on Correspondence is, as usual, by Comp. Thos. J. Corson, and to praise it is unnecessary. We wish all our Companions could have the pleasure of perusing it for themselves. It is full of good things. Our proceedings of 1877 receive a full share of his attention.

M. E. Comp. Geo. H. Jones (Philipsburg), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Thos. J. Corson (Trenton), Grand Secretary.

In Memoriam.

After a long illness, and a protracted period of great suffering, which he bore with the most exemplary resignation and even cheerfulness,

OUR BELOVED FRIEND AND COMPANION

THOS. J. CORSON

HAS PASSED AWAY.

He died on the 10th of May last,

AND WAS BURIED BY HIS BRETHREN

AT NEW HOPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Comp. Corson was probably the best known of Masonic writers. His name was as a household word with many who never had the pleasure of knowing him in person. In private life he was endeared to all who were privileged with his acquaintance, and he enjoyed the love and respect of his brethren in a remarkable degree.

WE MOURN HIS LOSS WITH SORROWING
HEART. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

NEW YORK.

The eighty-second Annual Convocation was held at Albany, February 4th, 1879.

M. E. Comp. David F. Day, Grand High Priest.

In his opening remarks he has the following on their condition at present :—

“ Called at your last convocation to assume the robes and wield the authority of your highest and most honorable station, I have endeavored, during my official term, to keep such watch and ward over the important interests committed to my care as they deserved, and as you expected. It is, therefore, with great pleasure, that I am able to announce to you that the Royal Craft within this State continues in the enjoyment of a reasonable prosperity. The candid and judicious Mason still acknowledges its importance and usefulness, and society at large accords to it a high position of honor.

“ It is true that during the closing year no new Chapter has been constituted within our State. It is also true that the records of our subordinates reveal no such increase of membership as they did some few years since. Yet the increase has been respectable. The returns made to the Grand Secretary indicate that the names of nearly seven hundred new companions have been placed upon the rolls. But it is an indication of the favorable condition of Capitular Masonry in this State (in which, I doubt not, you will find more pleasure than in the increase of membership,) that in a time of business depression, such as the entire country is now passing through, the number of companions who dimitted, or have been suspended for non-payment of dues, is relatively inconsiderable. Very few of the Chapters of the State appear to languish: and in such instances the cause is to be found, rather in unfortunate territorial location, than in a decaying interest in Chapter affairs. We may still boast that we have almost two hundred working Chapters within our jurisdiction, and that nearly seventeen thousand Royal Arch Masons bear us fealty. No other Grand Chapter in all the world has so large a constituency.”

His decisions are characterised by good sound sense, and are given so clearly as to carry weight with them from the convincing reasons accompanying each. We copy a few of his rulings :—

“ A request was presented to me by M. E. George C. Gibbs, High Priest of Delta Chapter, No. 185, for a dispensation, permitting the ballot to be spread again, in the case of a brother who had recently been ballotted for in that Chapter and rejected. It was stated in the request that from circumstances and information, it was supposed that the rejection had been made through misapprehension. It was

also stated, in the application, that all the members, present on the night of the rejection, had united in requesting M. E. Comp. Gibbs to ask the dispensation.

"I denied the application, stating as my reasons that with a proper regard to the secrecy of the ballot it should have been impossible for anyone to ascertain upon what ground the candidate had been rejected. I also gave it as my judgement, that a rejection, whatever may be the attending circumstances, ought, when once positively announced, to be regarded as conclusive upon the petition, and, for that reason, that it was beyond the proper authority of the Grand High Priest to issue the dispensation.

"The question was asked me by M. E. R. E. Smiley, Past High Priest of Watertown Chapter, No. 59, whether the Tyler of a Chapter might be counted as one of the nine Royal Arch Masons necessary to be present at the opening of a Chapter? I answered the question in the affirmative.

"The question was asked me by M. E. Theodore S. Ketchum, High Priest of Glens Falls Chapter, No. 55, whether a companion in arrears for dues to his Chapter is eligible to office therein? My decision was, that in the absence of any provision of the by-laws to the contrary, a companion, though in arrears for dues, may be elected to office in his Chapter.

"The question was asked me by M. E. Frederick E. Mitchell, High Priest of Fort Stanwix Chapter, No. 153, whether it is necessary for a High Priest, who has been chosen his own successor, to be re-obligated or re-installed?

"I answered that in my opinion it is necessary: the obligation, in words, binding the officer to a faithful performance of official duty 'for the term for which he was elected.'"

The following letter was read from their oldest permanent member. It is interesting to hear one of these veterans discourse upon the trials through which they passed in the days of anti-Masonry :—

"ALBANY, Jan. 2nd, 1879.

"*My dear M. E. Companion Lewis:*

"Little did I think when I parted from you and my companions of the Grand Chapter, at the close of the last session, that in one brief year my associations with the Lodge, Chapter and Encampment would in all human probability come to a close on this earth. It is sad to say so. For a year or more I have been painfully afflicted with a calculous affection, which is wearing my life away; and my physician gives me no hope of cure, or other encouragement than to be made comparatively comfortable during the remnant of my sojourn here. I was in hopes, until two weeks ago, of being able to attend this Convocation, even though it should be only on the first day's session, hoping to mingle my sympathy and sorrow in the action which the Grand Chapter might take upon the loss of our beloved Companion, Ezra S. Barnum, who was deservedly regarded as the Patriarch of the Grand Chapter. Circumstances seemed to demand my being present at that time.

"In 1837, forty-two years ago, I took my seat in Grand Chapter as Scribe of Temple Chapter, No. 5, when the Grand Body was composed of the representatives of the *fifteen* subordinate Chapters, left us by the "*blessed spirit of Anti-Masonry*," (facetiously so termed in that day). I found Comp. Barnum there, and, so far as my recollection serves, we have met together in the Grand Chapter forty-two years without missing a single Convocation. All of our compeers of that day—Van Vechten, Cuyler, Gillet, Pennell, Wadsworth, Hayden, Rousseau, Ellis, the venerated Town, Myers, Joseph Enos, Benjamin Enos, Hungerford, Eights, Gilbert, Boyd and Brewster—have all passed away, and gone to their rest; and last, though not least, Comp. Barnum has been called from us, and left me the *oldest permanent member* of the Grand Council now living. It is associations like these which crowd on the memory, and add sorrow to my regret because of my inability to be with you and to participate in mourning for the loss the Institution sustains in the demise of one whom we all loved. But, alas, such is life's changes! And it becomes us to bow with patient submission to the will of the 'Great I AM,' whose mysterious ways in our disappointments are beyond ken. 'Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity to all Mankind,' are among the essential jewels of our Order, and if we keep these jewels undimmed, happy shall we be when we bring up our work to the Grand Overseer for inspection, and find it made the 'Head Stone of the Corner.'"

"Perhaps it would not be amiss for me at this time to give you a few reminiscences of the 'Blessed Spirit' of Anti-Masonry, through which Lodge, Chapter and Encampment had to pass during its halcyon days, when *pandemonium* broke loose, betrothals were torn asunder, churches were desecrated and divided, and all the elements of unmitigated falsehood and hate were arrayed against the Institution and all adhering Masons who would not *renounce* and *denounce* it. I was 'Entered Apprentice' and 'Arched' in 1824, *fifty-nine years ago*, and of course had to wade through the slough and mire of Anti-Masonry, with those who adhered to their integrity and vows; being always in the faith that 'the stone' which the timid and apostate 'rejected' would again 'become the head of the corner;' and I thank God that I have lived to see that the Lodges, Chapters, and Encampments of our Temple are built up again on foundations that cannot be shaken by political demagogues, whose controlling motives were '*power, place and money*.'

"My brethren and companions under fifty years of age know nothing of the ordeal which an adhering Mason had to encounter in those days, when the 'blessed spirit' was in its *pristine purity*! If a light was seen in the window of a building where we met often enough to keep our charters in existence, we were hooted at as 'murderers of Morgan,' by the 'baser sort' of boys, set on by men who were at least *respectably clothed*. 'Bogus' Lodges were sometimes instituted by charlatans, trying to make an 'honest penny' by advertising in handbills the 'awful disclosures' of genuine Masonry. On one occasion such 'awful disclosures' were advertised by one calling himself a 'High Mason.' 'Admission twenty-five cents; children half price.' The 'Worshipful Brother (?)' as I learned, 'could not bear prosperity.' He gathered two or three dollars, got a little *excited* by the 'blessed spirit,' and the next day was sent to jail as a vagrant by Justice Cole. The 'High Mason' thereafter became *non est*.

But, my dear companion, I have not the physical ability to say much more. As Royal Arch Masons we have much for which we should be thankful. Since 1837 our Grand Chapter, under all the adverse circumstances which surrounded it, has arisen from a representation of *fifteen* Chapters to nearly *two hundred*—an unprecedented increase, which cannot fail to gladden our hearts, and none more so than that of one who subscribes himself,

“Your Friend, Companion and Brother,

“LEWIS G. HOFFMAN, P. G. K.”

Resolutions of sympathy were passed by the Grand Chapter, and a Committee was appointed to personally wait on Comp. Hoffman, and present them to him.

The following resolutions were passed in regard to the Grand Orient of France:—

“Whereas, A firm belief in Almighty God has always been recognized as among the foundation principles of Freemasonry, and has always been regarded as among the necessary qualifications of candidates for the several degrees of the Craft, and

“Whereas, The Grand Orient of France has expunged this fundamental principle of Freemasonry from its statute book, and, under the pretext of vindicating liberty of conscience, has, in effect, declared that the atheist may be made a Mason, and may unite with believing men in the service of the sanctuary;

“Resolved, That this Grand Chapter, as one of the Sovereign Masonic Bodies of this State, hereby declares that a belief in Almighty God is an absolute principle and landmark, a *sine qua non*, in Freemasonry, and that this belief is an indispensable prerequisite in all candidates for any of its degrees, and that it cannot consent to any abrogation of this ancient regulation, nor to any concession to the principles of atheism in whatever form or guise they may be presented.

“Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, the attitude thus assumed by the Grand Orient of France, is in opposition to the lessons of every degree in Freemasonry, and repugnant to all the tenets and doctrines of the institution.

“Resolved, That the Grand Orient of France; having thus repudiated and abandoned a principle which, through all the years of Masonic history, has been preserved by the Craft as one of the highest importance and value, and, upon which alone, in the judgment of this Body, the character of the institution can safely rest, this Grand Chapter, profoundly regretting the occasion which compels the step, hereby declines to hold any further Masonic relations with the Grand Orient of France, its subordinates and members.

“Resolved, That this Grand Chapter, animated by the most fraternal feelings, hereby solemnly adjures the Grand Orient of France to revoke its action, and to withdraw the invitation which it has extended to godless men, to assume obligations which, to them, can have no sanctity, and to participate in a service which, to them, can be no more than a hollow and heartless mockery.

“Resolved, That all Chapters and Companions under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are hereby interdicted and enjoined from holding any Masonic intercourse with brethren and companions owing

allegiance to the Grand Orient of France, until it shall be otherwise ordered."

The Standing Committee on Jurisprudence presented their report, and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted. We copy the first paragraph and the resolutions :

"1. In reply to the following proposition, viz: Under the resolution in regard to the Grand Orient of France, adopted by the Grand Chapter, can a Chapter in this jurisdiction receive a proposition from a brother made a Mason under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France, but who expresses a belief in a Supreme Being, and can the degrees be conferred if he is elected?

"The answer, in our judgment must be in the negative. Cordially sympathizing with all brethren thus situated, we cannot overlook the fact that *all* Master Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient are, by the action of our Grand Lodge, (the principle of which has just been endorsed by this Grand Chapter,) Masonically clandestine. The rule applicable to this class of brethren is, and must be, applicable to this case. The remedy is to be found in the action of these brethren individually if they desire to advance in the proper Masonic way, and we need not further suggest what their action should be. We subjoin a resolution."

"1. *Resolved*, That a Master Mason, hailing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France, is not eligible to the Chapter degrees in this jurisdiction, in the present relations between our Grand Lodge and that Grand Orient.

"2. *Resolved*, That the matter of the publication of a pocket edition of the Constitution, with annotations, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

"3. *Resolved*, That the King of a Chapter may open and work it at its regular convocation, in the absence of the High Priest and the warrant, provided he be satisfied that such absence of the High Priest and warrant was accidental, and without improper design, and that such warrant is in existence, in full force and in proper custody.

"4. *Resolved*, That the several decisions of the Grand High Priest as contained in his annual address before this Grand Chapter at the present Convocation, be and the same are hereby approved.

"5. *Resolved*, That the decision of the Deputy Grand High Priest, sustaining the action of the Secretary of a Chapter in refusing to permit his books to be examined by a committee except in his presence, be and the same is hereby approved."

Comp. D. A. Ogden has a splendid report on Correspondence, very interesting and well written. Canada for 1878 receives a good notice. In his review of California, he explains the action of the General Grand Chapter as to a quorum :—

"In his review of New York, Com. Wiggin says:

"We have always contended for the principle as laid down by Comp. Southgate, and the General Grand Chapter has now settled the question definitely, by declaring that in order to legally open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, nine of its members must be present."

"We do not understand that the General Grand Chapter has decided any such thing, but just the reverse; this is the decision, and it was made on call, by a vote of 76 to 48: "For all purposes, *except opening and closing* a Chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum." To open, then, does not require nine members, but nine Royal Arch Masons, some of whom need not be members; but for all business, except conferring degrees and closing, nine members must be present."

The Grand Chaplain, Comp. Rev. James Byron Murray, delivered an eloquent and instructive address on the life and character of Solomon, King of Israel, in which the following passages occur :—

"There came a sense of bitterness for the wasted energies, for the evil influences, for the betrayal of trust; a sense of vain longing for the years when life was in its fresh springtide and truth was opening on the clear unpolluted soul as with the glory of the full day. And yet to him, as far as the outward eye could see, there came no turning point in the heart, no resolute rising up of the will to repair the broken manhood and make the closing days of his life as prophetic with hope as when a youth he ascended that throne, a king. In the hour of retrospect when the vision was clearest, his wrecked life floated before him like the fragments of a ship on a pitiless sea. In the despair of his heart he cries out, 'Vanity of vanities; all is vanity.'

"And miserable indeed to him was the close of a life that could draw such a conclusion after all its grandeur and noble works. He found his kingdom falling away from him; strong enemies on the border of the nation ready to seize his territory and occupy what they seized. He had broken the Divine law; he had degraded the constitution moulded in the pattern given to Moses. He had neglected the precept which forbade him from entering into alliance with Egypt. He had defiled the sacred rite of marriage which alone can preserve domestic purity in nations, communities and individuals and make morality a blessing and a defense in society. He had sunk into the depths of apostacy; fallen away from his high mission, faltered in the hour of duty to God and his nation; and his reign passes into the records of history a mingled wonder and a shame. After forty years of misused possibilities he dies, and bears with him to the grave the greatness and the marvel of the Hebrew Empire. So history ends without hope in the darkness that covers a high name in Israel. He was buried in the tomb of his fathers; but he was not enrolled among the saintly hosts of Judah. And he whose fame once made his kingdom lustrous with beauty as the heavens are made lustrous with the glory of the day, is obscured by clouds of his own evil, and in his moral character is not a light to guide the aspirations and mould the ideals of the generations of men.

"It is pleasant, however, to turn from the stern judgment of history on his life to the Rabbinical story which recounts his death. In that

story we look at his death as the rich ending of an Autumn day amid the golden haze of legend which still lingers around him who built the Temple on Mount Zion.

“ King Solomon stood in his crown of gold
Between the pillars, before the altar,
In the House of the Lord. And the King was old,
And his strength began to alter,
So that he leaned on his ebony staff,
Sealed with the seal of the Pentegraph.

And the King stood still as a carven king,
The carven cedarn beams below,
In his purple robe, with his signet ring,
And his beard was as white as snow,
And his face to the Oracle, where the Hymn
Dies under the wing of the Cherubim.

And it came to pass as the King stood there,
And looked on the house he had built with pride,
That the hand of the Lord came unaware
And touched him; so that he died,
In his purple robe, with his signet ring
And the crown wherewith they had crowned him king.

And the stream of the folk that came and went
To worship the Lord with prayer and praise
Went softly ever, in wonderment,
For the King stood there always;
And it was solemn and strange to behold
That dead King crowned with a crown of gold.

For he leaned on his ebony staff upright,
And over his shoulders the purple robe,
And his hair and his head were both snow white,
And the fame of him filled the globe;
So that none dared touch him though he was dead,
He looked so royal about the head.

And the moons were changed and the years rolled on;
And a new King reigned in the old King's stead;
And men were married and buried anon;
But the King stood, stark and dead;
Leaning upright on his ebony staff;
Preserved by the sign of the Pentegraph.

And the stream of life as it went and came,
Ever for worship and praise and prayer,
Was awed by the face and the fear and the fame
Of the dead King standing there;
For his hair was so white and his eyes so cold
That they left him alone with his crown of gold.

So King Solomon stood up, dead in the House
Of the Lord, held there by the Pentegraph,
Until out from a pillar there ran a red mouse
And gnawed through his ebony staff;
Then flat on his face the King fell down,
And they picked from the dust a golden crow.'

"Like other great characters in Hebrew history, legend not only thus tells of his death, but gathers around him a host of wondrous deeds and marvelous story. His fame penetrated into the manifold forms of Eastern thought and Eastern life. It cast a strange spell over the rich and warm fancies of Arabia. It moulded the art of her magicians and became an abiding power in the mystery of her incantations. It served to interpret her weird philosophy of the stars, as in all Oriental lands they are connected with the fate of man. If Solomon himself did not practice magic, at least the impression of his magical power lay at the root, and gave a certain shape to those systems of enchantment which have held in splendid fascination the mind of so many in the East. The fame of the king has lived on, an influence to later times, so that in the clash of modern warfare, in the Suleiman Pachas we find his name fashioned to that of Mahometan generals."

M. E. Comp. David F. Day (Buffalo), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox (Buffalo), Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The thirtieth Annual Convocation was held at Winston, June 4th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. C. W. Alexander, Grand High Priest.

In the address he says:—

"While Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, has, for several years apparently, been at a stand still, while no new Chapters are being organized, and some of those already in existence almost yielding to the pressure of the times, yet there is much for which we should feel profoundly grateful. The Great Ruler of the universe has blessed us with health and plenty. Peace has reigned supreme throughout the State, and the utmost harmony prevails everywhere among the Royal Craft—for all these blessings let thanksgivings continually ascend to Him who doeth all things well."

It was decided not to make Past High Priests permanent members of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. John Nichols moved that the following resolution, adopted by the Grand Chapter in 1874, be repealed, viz:—

"*Resolved*, That the appointment of companions residing within other jurisdictions as representatives of this Grand Chapter in their several Grand Bodies be discontinued."

The motion prevailed. By this action the Grand Chapter re-establishes the system of representation between Grand Chapters.

On Thursday the members of the Grand Chapter availed themselves of an invitation from Winston Chapter, No. 24, to visit the Pilot Mountain, a Carolina pleasure resort, returning on Friday, after a pleasant sojourn on the mountain. The occasion with all its attendant enjoyments, and innocent festivities, which were royally provided by the Companions of Salem and Winston, will be preserved among the most treasured associations of memory.

Comp. James Southgate reports on Correspondence. He reviews our proceedings of 1875 and 1876. He thinks that expulsion from the Lodge necessarily carries with it expulsion from the Chapter. We deny this proposition. He says that is the general and common law, which we also deny. Where such a regulation is in force, it has been made the law by Constitutional enactment. There is no such provision in the unwritten or common law of Masonry. We have a clause in our Constitution governing such cases; but it preserves to every Companion the right to a fair trial, either in his Chapter or in Grand Chapter; and it does not *necessarily* follow that because a Companion is suspended or expelled by a Lodge, that the same punishment must be inflicted by the Chapter. The two bodies are separate and distinct, and membership in the one does not depend on membership in the other.

Comp. Southgate presented the following resolutions which were adopted by Grand Chapter:—

“*Resolved*, 1st. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nevada, having conformed to all the requirements in such cases made and provided, be hereby recognized by this Grand Chapter and cordially welcomed to the circle of Grand Chapters.

“*Resolved*, 2nd. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, having been regularly organized and duly recognized by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada (to whose Grand Jurisdiction it formerly belonged), be recognized by this Grand Chapter, and fraternally welcomed to our midst.

"*Resolved*, 3rd. That the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, having been recognized by the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, is also entitled to our fraternal recognition, and the same is hereby extended."

M. E. Comp. C. W. Alexander (Charlotte), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Donald W. Bain (Raleigh), Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The ninth Annual Convocation was held at Halifax, June 4th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Benjamin Curren, Grand High Priest.

He reports that continued prosperity has attended the labors of the past year. He issued a dispensation for a new Chapter at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

It was correctly decided that the power of issuing dispensations was solely the prerogative of the Grand High Priest, and could not be delegated.

Quebec was recognized, and the following resolutions were adopted :—

"That Chapters may return as *missing* any member whose residence and address is not known for three successive years, and that Chapters be exempted from dues from such members whilst missing."

"That no Chapter in this jurisdiction shall conduct any business unless seven members at least of that particular Chapter be present."

From the report of the Grand Secretary, we learn that there is a general improvement in the Royal Craft, and no decrease in membership. The funds are limited, and the report on Correspondence is therefore not published. The receipt of our proceedings for 1878 is acknowledged.

M. E. Comp. Wm. A. Hesson (Halifax), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. James Gossip (Halifax), Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The sixty-second Annual Convocation was held at Columbus, October 10th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. James W. Underhill, Grand High Priest.

He reports increasing prosperity, and more than the usual number admitted. Their Grand Treasurer had failed in business, and had used the Grand Chapter funds with his own to the amount of \$1,133.67. The Grand High Priest suggests that, in future, a bond should be required from the Grand Treasurer, and that he should keep the Chapter money separate from his own.

He issued dispensations for two new Chapters.

Quebec was recognized.

Nothing further of general interest appears in the proceedings.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Thomas J. Melish. It is his first report, and does him much credit. In his review of Louisiana, he has the following remarks on the "quorum" question, with which we agree:—

"We cannot agree with Comp. De Grange as to the Wisdom of this provision. We believe it will be impossible to carry it into practice, and if insisted on, it will nearly destroy most of our smaller Chapters. The membership of our country Chapters is usually scattered, and often it happens that the presence of one or more visiting Companions alone enables the High Priest to open his Chapter. Now, suppose a Chapter is opened. It has eight of its own members present, and one visitor. Then, according to this law, not one item of business can be done. The minutes can not be read, nor any sort of business transacted. Therefore there was no use in opening the Chapter at all; for all that can be done—unless there be degrees to be conferred—is to open and close the Chapter. The law, in our judgment, is very absurd and ought to be abolished. The old regulation is stringent enough, that no business can be transacted in a Royal Arch Chapter without the presence of nine R. A. Masons.'

In his notice of Michigan, he says:—

"The subject of the Esoteric Word was referred to a committee,

and Rev. Wm. Stowe presented a report, from which we gather that no particular word is of any authority, and each jurisdiction may choose its own. If this be the state of the law, we hope the General Grand Chapter will settle the matter for all time at its next session. The confusion in the temple at present is infinite. 'We three' seldom 'do agree' whether we are to give the trilingual, the trisyllabic, or the triliteral word, and hence results a confounding of speech, which ought not to exist anywhere outside of Babel."

M. E. Comp. Jas. W. Underhill (Canton), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. James Nesbitt (Troy), Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation was held at Portland, June 7th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. J. B. Lee, Grand High Priest.

They are in the full tide of a prosperity equal to their fondest hopes. The duties of the Grand High Priest were light, and no jealousies or grievances marred the harmony of their fraternal greetings.

The Grand Lecturer reports some diversity in the work, which should be remedied.

The Constitution was amended by striking out the Standing Committee on Printing, and thereupon the following was adopted as a substitute for Standing Regulation No. 16 :—

"Resolved, That hereafter the Report on Foreign Correspondence shall be presented in printed form; and in order to carry this order into effect, the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to make arrangements for the printing of the Grand Chapter Proceedings, prior to each Annual Convocation, upon terms most favorable to the Grand Chapter."

Reports and resolutions were adopted as follows:—

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the M. E. Grand High Priest's Address have had the same under consideration, and do not

find anything requiring especial attention; but would recommend, that so much as refers to proficiency in the degrees before advancement, that the High Priest should be the one that should have control of the same, and not confer the degrees unless he be satisfied that the candidate has or will learn the work sufficient to procure admission into any Chapter without a voucher."

"Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Lecturer, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and find that it is impossible, with the remuneration paid by the Grand Chapter, for him to visit all the Chapters and instruct them in the work; and we would recommend that the state be districted, and the High Priests, or some one designated by him, be required to meet the Grand Lecturer at such time and place as he may designate, and there receive the necessary instruction, so that it may be communicated to the several Chapters, to get the same uniform throughout the jurisdiction."

"*Resolved*, That no High Priest elect shall be installed into his office, unless he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer that he is well qualified to confer all the degrees conferred in the Chapter."

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Oregon hereby cordially and fraternally extends recognition to the Grand Chapter of Nevada, and welcomes her among the Grand Chapters of the world."

Comp. J. R. Bayley has in preparation a History of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, which will be published next year.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. T. McF. Patton. It is his seventh annual report, and is more than usually interesting. In his notice of our Proceedings for 1877, he says :—

"Among the various matters presented for consideration was a petition from the Royal Arch Masons resident of Wingham, asking for a dispensation or warrant to open a Chapter to be called 'Tom's Chapter.'

"We feel profoundly grateful to our Companions of Wingham for the high compliment paid us and the 'other fellow' from New Jersey, in naming the proposed new Chapter 'Tom's Chapter.' Little did we anticipate, when we accepted position in the reportorial staff, that our feeble efforts would create such enthusiasm among our Canadian Companions, as to create a desire on their part to perpetuate our name; in view of this greatness thrust so suddenly upon us we feel completely subdued.

"The other 'Tom' of New Jersey will under the existing circumstances, 'gush,' 'enthuse' and 'resolute' for both of us, in view of this unexpected honor."

Under "California," he says :—

"An objection after an election, and before the degrees are confer-

red should not, under any circumstances, have any greater effect than a simple black-ball. It requires a good deal of courage, for us to admit that an objection at any stage, without a hearing should be tolerated. But we are only one among many, and our voice is weak. We yield however, to the opinion, for the sake of harmony, that an objection before the degrees should have the effect of a black-ball, and nothing more. But after a degree has been conferred, he certainly has rights which must be respected, or we must cease our oratory on the Four Cardinal Virtues."

M. E. Comp. John B. Congle (Portland), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. R. P. Earhart (Salem), Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At a quarterly meeting held on February 7th, 1878, Comp. Thomas R. Patton was recognized as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

On May 2nd, 1878, the Grand Chapter of Quebec was recognized by the passage of the following preamble and resolution :—

"WHEREAS, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was legally formed according to the requirements and customs of the fraternity on December 12th, 1876; and

"WHEREAS, The action of the Chapters forming said Grand Chapter of Quebec has received the approval of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and the new Grand Chapter been duly recognized. Therefore be it

"Resolved, That the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania recognizes and welcomes the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec."

They have 103 Chapters, 3 Mark Lodges, and 10,339 members. The Mark Lodges have 2,003 members. The membership shows a slight decrease from the previous year.

The Annual Convocation was held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Alfred R. Potter, Grand High Priest.

Addresses were delivered by the retiring Grand High Priest and his successor.

Comp. Charles E. Meyer reports on Correspondence and notices Canada for 1878.

M. E. Comp. Wm. C. Hamilton, M. D. (Philadelphia), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. John Thomson (Philadelphia), Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

The second Annual Convocation was held at Montreal, September 25th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. J. H. Graham, Grand Z.

In his annual address the Grand Z. states that they have been recognized by 35 Grand Chapters. On the state of the Craft at home, he says :—

“It is with joy that I have to report that since our last Autumnal Gathering, peace has been within our walls, and prosperity within our palaces,—that unity and harmony have prevailed amongst our companions,—that no hostile band has attempted to hinder the workmen in their labors,—and that one or two goodly companies of our brethren are on their way, about to seek permission to assist on the Lord's work; and it will also gladden your hearts to learn that the Mother Grand Chapter of Canada, the tribe of our Israel whence we sprung, has, from our erstwhile common treasury, sent us, with her maternal benediction, an half a thousand modern shekels of silver (\$500.00) for the sustenance of our duly congregated band, now rightfully possessing this goodly portion of Israel's heritage promised us, as written in the Law.”

The report of the Executive Committee on the address contains the following paragraphs :—

“The Committee cannot but regard the gift of the sum of five hundred dollars, which the Grand Chapter of Canada has generously added to the funds of this Grand Chapter, as further proof of the desire of the sister Grand Chapter to place Quebec upon a rightful footing of equality as one of the Sovereign Grand Bodies of Capitular Masonry.

“The announcement of the recognition by 35 Grand Chapters, of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, will be hailed by the craft generally with the same thankfulness as the Grand Z. has expressed in his address.

"The Committee are pleased to learn that the address voted at the last Annual Convocation to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was duly forwarded, and the receipt thereof acknowledged. The Committee hereby endorse the sentiments therein expressed.

"The Committee suggests to Grand Chapter to approve of the recommendation of the Grand Z. as to the recognition of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, as from the information before the Committee it appears this Grand Lodge has been recognized by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and sister Grand Bodies.

"The Committee unite with the Grand Z., in returning their grateful acknowledgments to all those Grand Chapters which have so promptly and fraternally welcomed and recognised this Grand Body."

Another Committee says:—

"We note with pleasure that the Grand Chapter of Canada has increased the obligations we already owe that Grand Body, by donating the sum of \$500.00 to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and would recommend, as suggested by the Grand Z. that we acknowledge in a fitting manner, our deep sense of this further token of affection from our parent Grand Body."

Resolutions were adopted on various matters as follows:—

"That the G. C. of Q. hereby tender its cordial thanks to the G. C. of C. for the generous gift of \$500.00, accepting the same with the liveliest feeling of gratitude, as a token of the deep interest felt by the Grand Chapter of Canada in the welfare and progress of her daughter of Quebec, and as a proof of the desire of the Mother Grand Body to place Quebec upon a rightful footing of equality as one of the sovereign Grand Bodies of Capitular Masonry."

"That the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, hereby recognize the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, as the rightful and supreme authority over the degree of Mark Master Masons in England and Wales, and those Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, wherein no other Grand Body exists, or of right may be formed, claiming jurisdiction over that degree."

"In view of the contemplated visit of the M. E. Comp. Graham to the mother country, and in consideration of the views expressed by the Grand Chapter in regard to the differences existing in this jurisdiction, and as the interest of this Grand Chapter are so closely identified with those of our sister Grand Body, it is hereby

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter hereby empowers our M. E. Grand Z. to take such steps during his visits to the Sister Grand Bodies in England and Scotland as may in his wisdom tend to restore that harmony in the Craft, now so unhappily disturbed."

Comp. J. T. McMinn reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1878. In his notice of our report, he says:—

“Comp. Robertson considers us doubtful of his position as to the effect of Lodge suspension on Chapter’s membership, but as open to conviction and refers us to his remarks upon this question under Maine and Oregon. We have read them with pleasure and fully appreciate them. This, however, is not quite clear to our mind yet; will Comp. Robertson please enlighten us on the following? In Quebec, and we presume in Canada, a brother suspended for non-payment of Lodge dues, being debarred from visiting his own or any other Lodge, we cannot associate with him masonically in the Lodge. Why should we be compelled to do so elsewhere, more especially when he has been deprived of that essential to Chapter membership, ‘good-standing as a Master Mason,’ which alone entitles him to a seat in a R. A. Chapter. We trust we have made our meaning clear, and await Comp. Robertson’s reply. We, at the same time, agree with our Canada Companion that independent chapter action is absolutely requisite to effect Chapter suspension, but we also hold that the fact of Lodge suspension of a Companion being fully vouched for to a Chapter by a Companion in good standing should be a sufficient ground for Chapter action.”

It appears to us that Comp. McMinn has answered his own question very clearly in his last paragraph. If independent Chapter action is requisite to effect Chapter suspension, then the Companion is certainly in good standing in his Chapter until such action; and he would be entitled to associate with his Companions in the Chapter until he was suspended by the Chapter.

We do not regard “good standing as a Master Mason” as essential to Chapter membership. That is one of the fallacies by which confusion is introduced into the arguments on this subject. It may be essential to admission to the Chapter in the first instance, but it is not at all essential to the continuance of membership in the Chapter. After a Companion has once become a member of a Chapter, he can only lose that membership by action under the laws and regulations of that Chapter or of Grand Chapter. Membership in any society depends on the laws of that society, and not on the laws of some other body. So that the Lodge action of itself cannot affect Chapter membership. Our Chapter regulations make Lodge action a foundation for Chapter proceedings; but they also expressly reserve the right to discipline their own members, and do not allow any other body to do it for them.

Some brethren appear to have a holy horror at the idea of sitting in a Chapter with a Mason suspended by his Lodge; as if there were contamination in the very air of the room while he was there. We do not see anything so very terrible about it. If he is very bad or really deserves punishment, the Chapter can easily take action and get rid of him. But if, by any possibility, he should have been harshly treated by the Lodge (and we have known such cases), we can then sympathize with him in the Chapter, and not perpetuate a wrong.

In some cases, this position comes in very conveniently. We may instance Quebec. Before the Grand Lodge of Quebec was recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada, we were debarred from meeting in Lodge with many of our former Companions, who had been suspended by the Grand Lodge of Canada. But we met them in the Chapter, and sat with them in the Grand Chapter, and right glad were many of us to have the opportunity of doing so.

M. E. Comp. J. H. Graham (Richmond), Grand Z.

R. E. Comp. J. T. McMinn (Montreal), Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND.

The eightieth Annual Convocation was held at Providence, March 12th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. W. T. C. Wardwell, Grand High Priest.

He visited all the Chapters, ten in number, and found much interest manifested by the members.

The following resolutions were passed :—

“Ordered, That the sum of fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the funds of this Grand Chapter, the same to be paid to the proprietor of the ‘Freemasons’ Repository,’ for the space occupied in publishing the official business of this Grand Chapter, and

for three copies of the same to be furnished to each Chapter in this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the practice of furnishing information concerning the doings of any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, for the purpose of publication in any newspaper or magazine other than the official organ of this Grand Chapter be, and the same is, hereby prohibited."

The report on Correspondence is by Comps. George H. Burnham and George H. Carpenter, Jr., and has a notice of our proceedings for 1877.

M. E. Comp. Wm. N. Ackley (Warren), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Wm. R. Greene (Providence), Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The sixty-eighth Annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 11th, 1879.

M. E. Comp. W. G. DeSaussure, Grand High Priest.

The annual address is an excellent paper, from which we make the following extracts :—

"COMPANIONS—While still the children of Israel were held in captivity, before yet the proclamation of Cyrus had issued for the rebuilding of Jerusalem, long ere Zerubbabel had led the people back to clear away the rubbish and re-erect the Temple—even while the children of the captives still sat beside the waters of Babylon and wept: the prophet poet saw the fall of that great city, and asked, 'watchman, what of the night?' The watchman said, 'the morning cometh.'

"Our night has been dark. A vast pall has fallen upon all the industries and pursuits, not alone of our country, but of nearly all the habitable globe. Fortunes have taken wings and fled away; great enterprises have crumbled; the fruits won by industry and hard toil, have scarcely returned to the laborer the expenditures made for their production. Pecuniary gloom and anxiety have pervaded the whole commercial world and its pressure and care has entered every household. We are sharers in this depression. And upon your re-assembling in annual communication I am able to give you few words of cheer relative to Royal Arch Masonry within this jurisdiction. The returns which will be submitted to you will also show that the stern necessity for support to wives and children has prevented much of

accession, and compelled some to depart from our sanctuaries. Set by you as watchmen upon the towers, can we respond to your inquiry 'What of the night?' with the answer, 'the morning cometh?' In the first lesson given in Masonry the applicant is bade to trust in the Great I Am; to fear no darkness, have no doubt, tread the paths which he knows not of, fear no evil. In the spirit of such teaching, with humble faith in Him who created us and endowed us with faculties to enjoy the life He gave, I hope we may be able to say, 'the morning cometh.'

"Although a year has passed since last we assembled, death has not taken any from us who were then gathered. In this we have cause of reverent gratitude, and we can realize that the merciful hand has been over us.

"Harmony has prevailed among our Companions and Chapters. No discordant feelings or interests have entered our sanctuaries. Companionship and Brotherhood have marked the intercourse which has been had. Peace and good will exist. And as within this jurisdiction, such also continues to be our relations towards our sister Grand Chapters. They, in common with us, have realized the effects of the general commercial depression, and the veils are comparatively rarely raised for the admission of weary sojourners. But the depression has not produced discord; rather, as when Tatnai and Shathar Boznai impeded the work, has the outer pressure cemented the workmen and companions into a closer and more indissoluble union. When during the past summer a pestilential scourge swept over so large a part of our land, the hearts of the people answered nobly to the call for aid, and Masonry bore its full part, in contributing to alleviate the suffering and distress. The ready response, drew yet closer the bonds of companionship and brotherhood. And from all these blessings, the watchman may be justified in saying, 'the morning cometh.'"

"The correspondence of the last year has been very small, and almost confined to formal matters. The dispensations which have been issued during the year have been entirely formal, and do not require special report. And I have been called upon but twice to decide Masonic inquiries.

"The first was as follows: a Brother had been elected to receive the Capitular degree, 'and upon the conferring of the degree of P. M. he left the hall before the charge was read to him, and would not return; is he entitled to the other degrees?'

"The response to such enquiry was: 'The charge in all the degrees appears to be an integral part of the degree, and until an applicant has received it, he has not been entirely initiated in such degree. It therefore appears to me that the Brother must attend and receive the charge before he can be received and acknowledged.'

"The second enquiry was: 'In the case of the erasure of the name of a Master Mason from the roll of his Lodge for non-payment of dues, what is his status in the Chapter? Is his offence one against Masonry, or only against the by-laws of his particular Lodge? If his standing is good in his Chapter, how could he visit another Chapter and take the Tiler's oath, when he has no standing in his Lodge? Could an application for the degrees in the Chapter be entertained from a Master Mason whose name had been erased from the roll of his Lodge?'

"The responses to such enquiries were as follows:

"1. Erasure from membership in a Lodge for non-payment of dues, does not affect his status in his particular Chapter.

"2. A Mason unaffiliated, by reason of erasure of his name from membership in his Lodge for non-payment of dues, cannot be accepted as a candidate in any Chapter in this jurisdiction.

"3. Such a Mason holds his membership unaffected in his particular Chapter, but cannot be admitted as a visitor in any other Chapter while so unaffiliated."

Three Chapters in Charleston were consolidated into one.

Absence of funds prevented the publication of the report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. W. G. DeSaussure (Charleston), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. E. Burke (Charleston), Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The fiftieth Annual Convocation was held at Nashville, November 14th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. John S. Pride, Grand High Priest.

In his address he says :—

"Since our last Convocation our Jurisdiction has been visited by the most desolating pestilence that it has been the misfortune of our loved land at any previous time to undergo. And among the many victims thereof are many Companions who have heretofore looked forward to the annual assembling of this Grand body with delight, and participated in the pleasures and labors of our Annual Convocations, but who can do so no more forever.

"Prominent among these I will, without intending invidious distinctions, bring to your notice P. G. H. P., A. J. Wheeler, of Memphis. When the pestilence made its appearance in his loved city, true to the teachings of his life he determined to remain and do his duty to his people. And nobly did he discharge it, till he, himself, became a victim, and on the 7th day of September, he laid down his life a sacrifice for others. 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for a friend.' It has been the good fortune of but few to enjoy, as he did, the confidence of his Companions, and have the honors of the Order so lavishly bestowed."

"All over our Grand Jurisdiction peace and harmony prevail. No

questions of importance have arisen that have required the official interference of your presiding officer. It is true, perhaps, that our membership has not increased as in former years, but this should be no source of discouragement, but rather of congratulation, evidencing to us that the moral fitness of applicants are more closely observed, and in the future I think the purity of our Order would be better preserved by permitting none to enter except those whose lives give such evidence of virtue and upright living, as have been of benefit to themselves and their country."

On the subject of the incorporation of the Cryptic degrees, the following report of a Special Committee was adopted:—

"That inasmuch as the Grand Council has not taken any action upon this subject, and as another Convocation of this Grand Chapter will be holden before the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter for the United States, which alone can give efficacy to any movement in this regard, it is, in the opinion of your Committee, inexpedient to take action upon this subject at this Convocation."

We can readily excuse the absence of a report on Correspondence when such reasons as below are given, and we sincerely sympathized with our Companions in their sore distress:—

"The time which had been set apart, in the arrangement of the year's work, for the preparation of a report on Correspondence, was devoted to receiving and disbursing the funds so generously and liberally contributed for the relief the yellow fever sufferers in this State. I contemplated giving a report upon such topics of general interest as might present themselves in the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters. As it is, I have no time at command even to do so much. A perusal of the Proceedings indicate a fair degree of interest, on the whole, in this department of Masonic work, and, considering the times, no specially discouraging feature is perceptible."

M. E. Comp. B. F. Haller (Memphis), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. John Frizzell (Nashville), Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The twenty-ninth Annual Convocation was held at Houston, December 12th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. William Bramlette, Grand High Priest.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a thoroughly practical document. His idea as to the use of substitutes are in accord with the practice in this jurisdiction; and his views as to Representatives are in advance of the majority. We quote as follows:—

“My labors as Grand High Priest have been exceedingly light. Have had but one question in jurisprudence worthy of note to decide. No cases of discipline to enforce; from which, together with information received from various sources, I can confidently report Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction in a very enlightened and healthy condition.

“My labors have been limited principally to issuing Dispensations for various objects, mostly for the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

“It occurs to me that the use of substitutes might be left to the sound discretion of the members of Subordinate Chapters, with proper restrictions—say, in cases of extreme emergency, or when two Brethren are being advanced, without any prospect of a third, within reasonable time. This would relieve the Grand High Priest of a great deal of unnecessary trouble. I have had many petitions for the use of substitutes, and have refused but one application. When the petitions came up to the requirements above suggested, I have invariably granted the petition.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

“In February last I appointed Comp. E. M. Copeland, of ———, to represent the Grand Chapter of Texas near the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

“This appointment was made against my convictions of the necessity of such officials, or honors I might more properly say; and on more mature reflection, and investigation, I have since declined to make any further appointments of this kind. This system has been in vogue for many years, and I have failed to discover any good that has resulted. There is not one in a score of these Grand Officials who makes himself, in any way, useful to the Grand Body he represents. It seems to be merely a mode devised for conferring honors; it is emphatically a sinecure. Under our ‘Foreign Correspondence’ system all is accomplished that could possibly be done through the labors of the most active Grand Representative. To confer honors without requiring a corresponding amount of labor, if not to wreath the brow of a truly meritorious Brother, who has labored long and zealously for the good of the Order, is repugnant to the principles of Freemasonry.

“To see one of these Grand Representatives, with, perhaps, the honors of a half dozen Grand Bodies resting upon his shoulders, present himself in Grand Lodge, or Grand Chapter, and with all the dignity of two Grand Masters, stand forth to be introduced and to receive the homage of his Brethren, not only excites our risible nature, but raises the wish that the Brother had not suffered himself to be placed in, what seems to me, so awkward a position.”

He is opposed to acknowledging any allegiance to the General Grand Chapter.

In the report of the Grand Visitor for the Western District we find the following, which will remind many of the Companions in Canada of their own experience:—

“Cooper Chapter, No. 101, Pleasanton, Atascosa county, I visited on the 30th of September and 1st of October. The members promptly assembled, and never tired in listening to the rehearsal of the work. Several members received the Council Degrees. There are in this Chapter some of the most zealous Masons I ever met. In fact all the Chapters I have visited in the west hail with delight the arrival of a Grand Visitor. Runners are immediately dispatched to carry word to the widely scattered membership, who soon assemble from a circuit of country twenty miles distant. Let our city and town members think of this. Let those who think it a task to walk a square to attend their Chapter, imagine themselves quitting their business and traveling fifteen or twenty miles to spend several days with their Chapter. But such is Masonry among our country Chapters. Companions, it is the pure article.”

On the *status* of members of a Chapter whose Charter has been arrested, the following resolution was adopted:—

“*Resolved*, That when the Charter of a Chapter has been arrested the status of members in good standing at the time of arrest is that of dimitted or non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons; and upon the demise of any Chapter the Secretary of the said Chapter shall send to the Grand Secretary, with the Charter and records, a certified list of all members in good standing at the time of the arrest and the amount of dues owing by each member. And it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary upon the application of any of said members to issue to said member a certificate of former membership; provided, the member shall pay to the Grand Secretary the dues owing by him at the time of the arrest or demise.”

On the subject of acknowledging allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, a Special Committee presented majority and minority reports. These contain the transactions had by the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas, and the General Grand Chapter, in regard to the organization of the old Grand Chapter of Texas and its dissolution. The majority report was adopted, deciding to remain as they are and not to join with the General Grand Chapter.

All the revenues of the Grand Chapter, except sufficient to pay current expenses, were appropriated towards paying off the debt of the Masonic Temple.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was increased from \$800 to \$1,200. The Committee on work received \$140.

As to Representatives, the following report was adopted :

“While this committee agree with the M. E. Grand High Priest that the Grand Representatives are of no practical benefit to the Grand Chapter, yet the system has been generally adopted by the other Grand Chapters, and it is but a civil return for courtesies extended to appoint such Representatives to other Grand Chapters who have appointed them to this, and we hope not to be found behind our sisters in the amenities and civilities usual between Grand Bodies.”

Comp. Robert M. Elgin has a good report on Correspondence. In his notice of Canada for 1878, he quotes some paragraphs from our report, and thus comments on mileage:

“We have heretofore expressed ourself very freely on the subject, and are still of the opinion, that a Grand Chapter that fails to have a Report on Foreign Correspondence to enlighten the Companions on what is doing in the Masonic world on account of poverty, and yet pays mileage and per diem to its members, is not likely to have a zealous and enlightened membership, or to advance much in prosperity and usefulness.”

He has the following remarks on our method of Chapter discipline after Lodge action :—

“He explains the circumstance alluded to in our former Report with some expressions of surprise of the expulsion of several Companions by simple motion in the Grand Chapter. He acknowledges that in many respects they differ from the practice in most of the jurisdictions in this country, and we must confess in this instance the practice is peculiar, to say the least of it.

“It seems that those Companions had been expelled by the Grand Lodge of Canada. Whether expelled legally or illegally, for good cause, or on a mere pretext, it was by authority of the Supreme Masonic Power. Its decree of expulsion could only be reversed by its own action. Until so reversed it was binding not only on every Mason in Canada, but, in our opinion, upon every individual Mason in the world.

“Notwithstanding all this, under a constitutional requirement of the Grand Chapter, they were summoned to appear before that Body ‘to show cause why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced.’ ‘They failed to appear,’ says Comp. Robertson, ‘their offence was proven, and they were then expelled by Grand Chapter from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.’

“Holding as we do that every Grand Body has the right to adopt

such regulations as it may see proper for its own local government, and that its acts under the same are binding upon all Masons from every jurisdiction, provided they do not conflict with the ancient landmarks, we suppose we have no right to object to the provision alluded to or to the circumstance under discussion, but still we have a right to our own opinion, and we take the liberty of asking Comp. Robertson a question or two. Had these six expelled Masons made their appearance before the Grand Chapter when summoned, would they have been permitted to enter and participate in the proceedings? Could you have admitted them without holding Masonic intercourse with them? If you could admit them without holding Masonic intercourse with them, then indeed your work is different from ours. If you could not admit them without holding Masonic intercourse, it seems to us the members of the Chapter would by thus admitting them be subject to charges by the Lodge.

"But admitting that they could be permitted to enter or even that they could only appear by proxy, but had they appeared and convinced the Grand Chapter that they had committed no offence, what effect could it have had? Could they have remained Masters in good standing, attended all your meetings, been present during all your ceremonies, and in fact stood upon a level with the other Companions? If such is the effect of the constitutional provision alluded to, then we are of opinion that it is a most dangerous one. But that our Companions may the better understand it, we copy the article as contained in the report:

" 'When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Grand Chapter shall, immediately on such suspension or expulsion, and the circumstances relating thereto, being communicated to it by the Grand Z., proceed to consider and decide whether such Companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch-Masonic functions for the period whilst such Craft suspension or expulsion continues in force. But he shall not, neither shall any Companion, under any circumstances, be suspended or expelled, until he shall have been summoned to show cause why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced, and afforded every opportunity of defending himself, either in Grand Chapter as aforesaid, or before other duly constituted authority.'

"Suppose a Mason, expelled by the Grand Lodge of New York, should be placed in a like condition to those unfortunate six members expelled by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Grand Chapter concludes, from his showing, that he was improperly expelled, and receives him into the bosom of the Craft; a Companion from New York visiting your Chapter, finds in it an expelled Mason from his jurisdiction; he informs the High Priest there is an expelled Mason present with whom he cannot sit. 'Very well,' says the presiding officer, 'our Grand Chapter has decided that he was improperly expelled by your Grand Lodge, and if you do not choose to sit with him you can retire.'

"In such a case we think if the Grand Chapter of New York was informed of it, those 'cordial relations' would cease very suddenly."

We have already, in this report, in our notice of Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Quebec, had something to

say on this subject; but we may here briefly answer the queries of Comp. Elgin.

Had the six expelled Masons made their appearance before the Grand Chapter when summoned, they would undoubtedly have been admitted. It would be rather a transparent farce to summon a companion to appear, and then refuse to let him appear; and we do not propose to take part in such a comedy. They would have been permitted to enter and make their defence, and we would then have decided whether or not their defence was a good one.

If the decision had been in their favor, they would have remained Royal Arch Masons in good standing, entitled to attend all Chapter meetings, to be present at all Chapter ceremonies, and to be on a level with the other Companions. This may be a "most dangerous" effect, but we cannot see anything dangerous about it at all. It seems to us perfectly fair and just. They are in good standing *in the Chapter*, until suspension or expulsion *by the Chapter*; and it would be unjust and unfair to deprive them of their Royal Arch privileges so long as their standing as Companions is unimpaired.

As to the Chapter members, under these circumstances, being subject to charges by the Lodge, we think that would be another farce. No such charge could possibly be sustained. The Lodge cannot know what takes place in the Chapter. It does not concern the Lodge in any way, and in fact the Lodge, as a Lodge, does not know that the Chapter is a Masonic body at all. It would be just as sensible to prefer a charge against a brother for sitting with a suspended Mason in an Odd Fellow's or Good Templar's Lodge, or attending the same church.

The case put by Comp. Elgin as to the expulsion by a foreign power of one of its own members, is entirely beside the question, and has no connection whatever with the sub-

ject under discussion. We fully agree with Comp. Elgin, that every Grand Body has the right to make its own regulations, and that the standing of a Mason at home, must determine his position abroad. If, in Texas, a Royal Arch Mason loses his good standing as such, by suspension from the Lodge, we would not admit him to our Chapters here. We might not agree with their rule, and might think that our regulations on that point were better, but we would respect their decision, and give it force, as the act of a Masonic power in all respects equal to our own; just the same as we would expect our suspensions to be recognized in Texas. The fact that the Companion was not in good standing in the Chapter where he belongs, would be sufficient for us, and we would not think of questioning the legality of his suspension.

M. E. Comp. G. M. McWhirter (Belton), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Robt. Brewster (Houston), Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The sixty-second Annual Convocation was held at Burlington, September 25th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Edward S. Dana, Grand High Priest.

(We regret that our copy of these proceedings is defective. Eight pages, from 9 to 16, are missing).

Comp. Dana speaks of their condition in cheerful and hopeful tones. He visited several of the subordinate Chapters, and was much pleased with the interest manifested and the intelligence and culture of the ruling spirits.

Two venerable Companions were present at this meeting, whose Masonic services date away back to the days of anti-Masonry, and who then "withstood with Roman firmness

the assaults upon our Temple." These Companions, Leonard Sargeant, Past Grand Scribe, aged 85, and John B. Hollenbeck, Past Grand Secretary, aged 86, received a tribute of respect from the Grand Chapter.

Comp. Edward S. Dana reports on Correspondence in a concise and interesting manner.

M. E. Comp. E. S. Dana (New Haven), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb (Burlington), Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Richmond, December 12th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Alfred S. Lee, Grand High Priest.

On the Past Masters degree, he says:—

"A resolution was offered at your last Grand Annual Convocation, to change the order of the Past Master's degree and place it first in the series. It is not necessary for me to intrude my views in advance on this subject, but I would remark that many eminent Masons in our sister Jurisdictions are in favor of remitting it back to the Lodges, where they say it properly belongs. If I mistake not, this question will be before the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, by whose decision many of our sister Grand Chapters must abide, and with whom it is desirable to maintain uniformity of work. We have frequently felt the inconvenience of having visitors from other Jurisdictions, where the Council degrees were not, as with us, conferred in the Chapters. I think we shall not much longer experience this inconvenience, as many of the Grand Chapters are taking charge of the Council degrees, and I think all of them ere long will follow our example in this respect."

He has noticed that when the officers of a Chapter are well posted in the ritual, and prompt in attendance, there is a corresponding zeal among the Companions and prosperity in the Chapter. He says:—

• "The great difference between the oracles of the heathen gods and

those of the God of Israel was, the former were uncertain while the latter as made known by Urim and Thummim, through the breast-plate worn by the High Priest, were, as the name indicates, *light and truth*, and he who occupies the exalted position of High Priest should give forth no uncertain oracle, but be enabled to dispense light and truth to those who enquire at our portals."

The recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales was respectfully declined.

The proposal to place the Past Master's degree before the Mark was rejected.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. William B. Isaacs. In his notice of Alabama, he has the following remarks on non-payment of dues:—

"The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the ever graceful pen of Companion Pillans. He agrees with the views of Companion Robertson of Canada on the non-payment of dues question. We were in hopes this much mooted question would be permitted to remain undisturbed in the position assigned to it by the action of the several Grand Jurisdictions. 'In the multitude of counsel there is' said to be 'wisdom.' Granted! The discussion of this question, for 'lo! these many years,' by the members of *our Society*, has not, we apprehend, changed the statute law in one solitary Grand Jurisdiction. It has been presented in every conceivable form *pro* and *con*: as much time, labor and examination of authorities, Arnold's fluid and printer's ink, have been expended on it as would be necessary to produce a new, or revise the old, constitution of the United States; and yet perhaps it might be wound up in one sentence, to wit: Spondulix is required to carry out the great object of our institution, and birds that *can* sing that tune must be made to sing, and those who *can't* fork over a note, are always relieved of the necessity when made known to the body of which they are a member. That's the sovereign course and cure. Suspension for non-payment of dues is not regarded as a heinous crime, and every distinction is drawn that it is possible to draw between that and suspension for unmasonic conduct. The act of suspension in one case is very summary, the act in the other is by full investigation and trial, and reinstatements are equally liberal and just."

Canada for 1878 receives kindly mention. He says that Comp. Menet opens his address in the "dear old stereotyped form." He quotes the opening paragraph, and then remarks as follows:—

"We think there was once a ministerial Companion belonging to"

our *Society* who offered a premium to any Grand High Priest who would produce something 'fresh and invigorating' in the opening of his address. Well, well, perhaps *he* keeps up with the spirit of the age, and does not like to have dinged into *his* ears once a year, as he doubtless has 'dinged into the ears of his congregation' at least once a week during the year, our daily dependence upon the mercies of God, and the gratitude we should pay for them. At this end of the line we regard their stereotyped expressions as 'fresh and invigorating,' and do not fly off the handle because of their being used by Christian or heathen, whichever the utterer may be."

Of our report he says :—

"The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion Robertson, and, like everything we have seen from his pen, is of unusual ability in *our* line.

"We would like to extract 'hugely' from this report, but time and space forbid. We can, however, express our regrets that one so learned in the law of common sense—which is the law of Masonry—should yield to the 'right' of a *visiting* Companion, to ballot on a petition for the Degrees, as Companion Robertson does."

This is a mistake which should be corrected. We have no recollection of making any remarks in favor of this practice. Whenever we have noticed it, it has always been in terms of disapproval, and we are opposed to allowing visitors to vote on any question. Comp. Issacs has probably mistaken us for some other reporter.

On the Cryptic Degrees he has the following remarks under the "District of Columbia."—

"We think Companion Larner wrong in his history. These degrees were first conferred as what are called 'side-degrees,' by Cross emanating from a companion in Maryland, whose name we cannot at present recall. Subsequently they were conferred by a traveling Grand Lecturer, at first as 'honorary degrees,' and then as there appeared to be 'millions in it,' he proceeded to organize and issue charters for Councils. That we believe to be their history in a nut-shell. They have and are assuming an importance to which *originally* they were not entitled, but as they appear to have become a necessity in one form or another, we hope and pray they may at no distant period find a place of rest. In regard to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, if we are correctly informed, being an outsider, they claim jurisdiction over all the degrees of Masonry from the Entered Apprentice upward, but by sufferance they allow Lodges of Ancient York Masons to confer the first three degrees and recognize them in their schedule."

M. E. Comp. Alfred S. Lee (Richmond), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Wm. B. Isaacs (Richmond), Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The eighth Annual Convocation was held at Wheeling, November 14th, 1878.

M. E. Comp. Kephart D. Walker, Grand High Priest.

From his address we make the following extracts :—

“To be frank with you my Companions, I do not regard the hum-drum quietude of the past year as a favorable omen, or look upon it as in any sense an indication of prosperity. Masonry should not stagnate. But it is impossible to deny or disguise the fact that there is a lamentable lack of interest in Masonic affairs on the part of the vast majority of those who have assumed the vows of our fraternity. The number of those present at the regular convocations grows monthly less and less, and even among Royal Arch Masons, there is a sort of chilliness vastly at variance with the cheery companionship which should characterize the Chapter. There is an indifference soon succeeded by positive neglect, which is rapidly increasing the number of non-affiliated Masons, and there are thousands to whom the impressive ceremonies of the fraternity and the beauty of the moral teachings of Masonry, gave at one time an exquisite pleasure, but to whom these things have become tiresome, or in short an actual *bore*. They visit no longer the Lodge or the Chapter, they have forgotten whatever they knew about the traditions of the Temple, and the inner meaning of Masonic rites, and tired of paying annual dues for the support of an institution in which they have lost all interest, obtain dimits, and their names appear no longer on our rolls. I was about to say they are seen no more of Masons, but upon reflection I have changed the expression. No men are more eager in demanding ‘the benefits of Masonry,’ none are so apt as they, when soliciting a Masonic customer in trade to make use of some conspicuous emblem, or obtrusive token, or lugged in word or expression to denote that they deal ‘upon the square,’ and none are so persistent as they to demand nursing in sickness, relief in poverty and Masonic funeral rites at death. These are unpleasant facts Companions, but they are *facts*, nevertheless, and it becomes us as Masons to look them squarely in the face. We cannot ignore them, if we would, and we should not if we could.

“The careful mechanic when his attention is first called to a jar in the machinery, and the competent physician, when making a diagnosis of the disease he is summoned to relieve, first enquiries into the cause of the disorder, and acts accordingly. The cause of the Ma-

sonic, or rather unmasonic indifference, under which the fraternity labors, and the whole system seems to have failed of its proper functions, are numerous. I can mention one or two, and there are probably others that may be familiar to you.

"In the first place, there are too few of the Masons of the present day, who after passing through the ceremonies of the Lodge, or Chapter, care to enquire into the inner meaning of these ceremonies or seek for any fuller knowledge, than the lectures of the Master or High Priest convey. Very many of them do not even make themselves masters of the ritual, or learn by rote, the catechism which a strict examining committee would consider essential to a favorable response, upon the application of a visitor for admittance to a Chapter. Knowing little of the ritual and nothing of the sublime truths taught by the symbolism of our ceremonies, it is not strange that they soon lose interest in what they do not properly understand. The remedy for this is to read more, and *think* more. The masonic literature of the country is full of information touching the forms and ceremonies of the fraternity, and any one who wishes may acquire information that will explain the whys and the wherefores of every minute ceremony of the Lodge, or Chapter, and may thus learn to appreciate for itself the beauty of the ritual. No man who thus understands and values the meaning of the ceremonies, and sees their antiquity and the claim to reverence which their antiquity gives, can or does lose interest in a fraternity which affords room for his unending study, and food for the most insatiate research. Another cause for the manifest lack of interest in Masonry, is the overgrowth of the fraternity, or to speak more plainly, the large number of men whose names are upon our rolls, who do not comprehend what Masonry is, and whose narrow souls have never been expanded by a single truly Masonic thought. We are beginning to realize the evils which were predicted by Masonic writers twenty years ago. The fraternity became too popular. Its doors were thrown too wide open. The multitude that thronged our portals had too easy entrance, and the cement which we hoped would bind us together as a band of brothers, proved in too many cases to be mere 'untempered mortar.' In too many cases the solemn obligations of the brotherhood have been mere 'ropes of sand' and those Masons who would in the spirit, and to the letter, observe all the requirements of all their promises, find that there are too many who, by their conduct, regard these promises as mere idle words binding them to nothing. There must be responsibility in Masonry or it fails of its purpose. While our doors were open wide, and the crowd of petitioners gained easy admittance, there were many who came in who thought they were thereby gaining some advantage for themselves, but had not an idea of the duties they were assuming towards others. Many of this class of initiates have found only disappointment, where they looked for reward, and it is not surprising that the ardor of their first love has cooled, and that they have lost interest in a society, which contrary to their expectations, did not flock gladly to obey their selfish desires, and increase their list of customers and adherents.

"In classing among the causes of the present lack of interest in Freemasonry, the overgrowth of the fraternity, I trust I may not be misunderstood. If all mankind were Masons in heart, and each man now living, whether in high or low degree, were to truly conceive what it is to be a Mason, and faithfully strive in all the acts of his

life to illustrate the pure teachings of the Lodge, this earth would be a paradise. All wars would cease, and the brotherhood of man would amicably resolve all social questions, settle all disputes. It is only because in the jarring of interests and the clashing of human claims, there are so few souls who can truly comprehend and faithfully obey the precepts of the fraternity, that complaint can be made of its overgrowth.

"I sometimes wish that for the purification of the Masonic fraternity, we might have another widely organized and powerful persecution. A persecution that would drive from our membership all those who have joined the fraternity in the hope of gain; all those who care more for popularity than for principle; all those who think that Masonic charity should clothe their shortcomings while sternly exposing the faults and misfortunes of their brethren, and in this view perhaps the lukewarmness of many Masons and the increase of non-affiliates may still prove a blessing in disguise and accomplish the same good result that might be hoped for from a vigorous political persecution."

The following preamble and resolution were adopted :—

"WHEREAS, It has been the custom in former times to require the candidates for advancement to the several Chapter degrees to be proficient in lectures of preceding degrees, and

"WHEREAS, Such regulation has grown into disuse in subordinate Chapters, therefore be it

"*Resolved*," That the Grand High Priest be requested, in his next report, to make some recommendation on this subject which will be more in consonance with the teachings and example of our mother Grand Chapter of Virginia."

The proceedings were brief and related entirely to local affairs, of no particular interest to our Companions here.

M. E. Comp. John W. Grantham (Middleway), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. O. S. Long (Wheeling), Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The twenty-ninth Annual Convocation was held at Milwaukee, February 18th, 1879.

M. E. Comp. Oliver Libbey, Grand High Priest.

His annual address bears evidence of entire devotion to the Craft. The past year has been one of plenty and pros-

perity. One Chapter has surrendered its Charter. There are 52 Chapters now at work, a number simply sufficient for their wants. He refused to issue dispensations to ballot out of time. In his concluding remarks he says :—

“The returns of the subordinate Chapters, although requiring more labor in their preparation than heretofore, have been forwarded more promptly than usual. This was doubtless due to your action of last year, providing a penalty for their delay beyond the first day of February. Several Chapters, however, have not complied with this regulation, but their negligence has been due to the fact that their attention has not been called to it. I suggest that for the present year the roll of the officers and members of these Chapters be permitted to be published with the annual proceedings.

“Although the attention of the several Chapters during the past year has been more especially directed to the supplementary degrees, the interests of Royal Arch Masonry have not been neglected. The interest excited in the minds of the Companions by the introduction of the new ritual, has also extended to the original work, and rendered efficient aid in stimulating them to increased activity. New material is being constantly brought in, and skilful hands are at work in fitting it to adorn the walls of our Temple. The officers of our Chapters are gradually becoming more proficient in their work, and more careful in preserving the solemnity of its impressive ceremonies. And it may safely be said that Royal Arch Masonry has never stood on a firmer foundation, or given better promise of future stability, than at the present time.”

A devotional service was adopted for the use of the Grand Chapter in opening and closing.

The Grand Lecturer presented a full report of his visits. We copy his notice of one Chapter :—

“I visited Harmony Chapter, No. 10. at Sheobygan Falls, at a Stated Convocation held May 12th. This is a small Chapter, or rather its resident membership is small, and those they have to depend upon for regular attendance and workers are quite limited, so much so as oftentimes to render it difficult to get a sufficient number to attend to open. And in their case and also in that of some other Chapters in this jurisdiction, if the decision of the General Grand Chapter at its last triennial session, and which has been made a part of our organic law of this jurisdiction, is to be rigidly observed, I fear that they would be almost incapacitated from doing business and forced to a surrender of their Charter. For years, finding it difficult to get a sufficient number to attend their Stated Convocation to legally open, they have been in the habit of calling from Labor to Dispensation (a term I do not understand but which they claim to have inherited from some of the early Fathers of Masonry in this jurisdiction). Which is simply calling the Chapter from labor to re-

freshment, from one Convocation to another, and then calling it to Labor, which they claim can be done even though there were a less number than nine present. I can see no sense in the language used, and doubt the propriety of the practice. But even though admissible, how, under the decision before referred to, can they legally do any business? I communicated the Council degrees on those present."

Comp. J. P. C. Cottrill reports on Correspondence. He gives our Proceedings for 1878 an elaborate notice.

M. E. Comp. Oliver Libbey (Green Bay), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. W. Woodhull (Milwaukee), Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.

We again acknowledge our indebtedness to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Maine, Companions J. H. Drummond and John S. Derby, for their valuable Tables of Statistics. They deserve the grateful thanks of the reporters for saving them many a weary hour of toilsome work, and also the thanks of all Companions who take an interest in watching the numerical condition of the Royal Craft.

They have this year added a new feature, in the shape of a comparative table of Grand Chapter fees and dues. We transfer their tables and the remarks accompanying them:—

"GRAND CHAPTER DUES.

"It has occurred to us, in view of the difficulty which surrounds the question of non-payment of dues, that it would be interesting to our Companions to know how much the different Grand Chapters tax their subordinates.

"This becomes especially interesting, because the revenue, heretofore received for new Charters, has almost wholly ceased, and because the receipts for conferring degrees have so materially diminished, as to fail to produce enough to pay the ordinary expenses.

"We have, therefore, prepared a table showing in what manner the various Grand Chapters obtain their revenues, and the rule by which they are collected.

"It is quite probable that there are some errors in it, on account of recent changes in the By-Laws of the Grand Bodies; but it is correct enough for all practical purposes.

"We also show the minimum fee which subordinates in the various jurisdictions are required to charge for the degrees.

"It will be seen that the Grand Chapters, with *very few* exceptions, assess a *per capita* tax; and about *three-quarters* of them make it *fifty cents* or upwards.

Grand Chapters.	Dues for all the Degrees.	Dues from members.	Minimum fee for the Degrees.	Remarks.
Alabama,		\$0.75	\$30.00	
Arkansas,	\$2.00	.25	—	\$1.00 for affiliations.
California,	4.00	1.50	50.00	
Canada,	3.00	—	20.00	\$1.50 diploma, 50c. affiliation
Colorado,	3.00	1.00	50.00	
Connecticut,	—	.15	20.00	
Delaware,	3.00	.50	20.00	
Dist. of Columbia,	3.00	.50	30.00	
Florida,	3.00	1.00	20.00	
Georgia,	2.00	1.00	20.00	
Illinois,	—	.75	30.00	Each Chapter must pay \$10
Indiana,	2.00	.25	20.00	
Iowa,	2.00	.50	25.00	
Kansas,	2.00	.50	40.00	
Kentucky,	—	1.00	25.00	
Louisiana,	8.00	1.00	40.00	\$50 in New Orleans
Maine,	2.00	—	20.00	Each Chapter pays \$9 besides
Maryland,	2.00	1.00	30.00	
Massachusetts,	3.00	—	25.00	Each Chapter pays \$6 besides
Michigan,	2.00	.50	25.00	
Minnesota,	3.00	.50	—	
Mississippi,	2.00	1.00	40.00	
Missouri,	2.00	1.00	30.00	
Nebraska,	5.00	.75	25.00	
Nevada,	10.00	1.00	50.00	
New Hampshire,	1.00	.20	20.00	
New Jersey,	2.00	.50	20.00	
New York,	3.00	.50	20.00	
North Carolina,	—	—	20.00	Each Chapter pays \$15
Nova Scotia,	1.00	.25	20.00	\$1.50 also for diploma.
Ohio,	2.00	.50	20.00	
Oregon,	5.00	1.00	50.00	
Pennsylvania,	2.00	.40	16.00	
Quebec,	3.00	.50	20.00	
Rhode Island,	3.00	.15	30.00	
South Carolina,	4.00	.50	25.00	
Tennessee,|	5.00	.50	35.00	
Texas,	2.00	.50	30.00	
Vermont,	3.00	—	25.00	
Virginia,	—	.50	20.00	Each Chapter pays at least \$5
West Virginia,	—	.50	20.00	
Wisconsin,	2.00	.75	30.00	

"In Pennsylvania, twenty-five per cent. discount is made to Chapters outside of Philadelphia.

"The recent returns from Vermont indicate that a *per capita* tax is now laid, but we fail to find any provision for it.

"To ascertain the relative amount of dues paid in the different jurisdictions, we have applied the rule of each Grand Chapter to our returns made last year, when the amount of dues (exclusive of General Grand Chapter tax) was \$684.

"Under the rule of Vermont, we should have paid \$459; of Connecticut, \$620; of North Carolina, \$630; of Massachusetts, \$711; of New Jersey, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, and Texas, \$2,375; of Delaware, District of Columbia, Minnesota, New York and Quebec, \$2,528; Virginia and West Virginia, \$2,040; of Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi and Missouri, \$4,446; of Alabama and Illinois, \$3,105; of Wisconsin, \$3,411; Colorado and Florida, \$4,600; of Arkansas and Indiana, \$1,441; of New Hampshire, \$981; of Rhode Island, \$1,080; of Pennsylvania, \$1,962; of South Carolina, \$2,682; of Tennessee, \$2,835; of Nebraska, \$3,870; of Kentucky, \$4,140; of Oregon, \$4,905; of Louisiana, \$5,364; of Nevada, \$5,670; and of California, \$6,822: the average would be about \$2,700.

"It will be seen that our Chapters pay about *one-tenth* of what they pay in California,* and about *one-quarter* of the average; in California, the dues *actually paid* are \$5,370, an average of about *one dollar and eighty cents* per member, while in Maine it was less than *eighteen cents* per member, including dues to General Grand Chapter. It certainly cannot be truly said that our Grand Chapter is an *expensive* institution.

"It is evident that the least variable basis for dues is a *per capita* tax: our revenues from Charters has almost entirely ceased: the receipts for exaltations have fallen off from \$860 to \$300, or less: in order that the Grand Chapter may act understandingly upon the subject, we have given these statistics.

"We should have said that many of the Grand Chapters pay mileage or per diem, or both: the By-Laws of California Grand Chapter provide *fifty cents per capita* for this purpose.

* We find that in 1878 the dues were reduced 50c., which would reduce the amount to \$4,752.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	No. of Subordinates	Ditto making Returns.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions & Restorations.	Dismissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Sus. for Non- pay't dues.	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama.....	49	37	1059	47	27	47	1	2	42	16	3
Arkansas.....	64	40	1453	67	16	45	1	2	13	28	..
California.....	49	49	2990	221	62	73	16	0	60	41	14
Canada.....	70	70	3115	391	78	101	7	*72	....	32	..
Colorado.....	7	7	359	30	....	7	1	*22	....	1	..
Connecticut....	35	35	3846	102	38	20	0	4	17	53	..
Delaware.....	6	6	320	26	1	3	0	*10	....	2	..
Dist. Columbia.	8	8	1091	71	22	20	..	1	48	15	3
Florida.....	16	8	280	7	4	5	..	*7	....	5	..
Georgia†.....	54	44	1724	58	20	83	3	....	*104	28	5
Illinois.....	168	168	10671	549	108	258	18	*394	....	116	4
Indiana.....	95	90	4875	187	39	105	19	13	100	79	..
Iowa.....	85	82	4253	353	53	186	8	*51	....	34	..
Kansas.....	35	35	1149	80	40	36	3	1	42	7	14
Kentucky.....	105	90	3509	160	51	105	3	*230	....	62	..
Louisiana.....	29	28	1424	32	26	20	0	0	83	35	0
Maine.....	42	42	4129	131	14	81	1	*17	1	49	19
Maryland.....	12	12	1258	45	10	....	..	*24	....	23	0
Massachusetts..	68	68	9237	337	....	185	0	*34	....	105	..
Michigan.....	100	99	7385	415	86	168	9	9	196	80	..
Minnesota.....	31	29	1623	106	19	29	1	0	37	17	..
Mississippi....	73	58	1930	87	39	70	1	5	113	....	..
Missouri.....	89	81	3935	216	60	121	5	*96	....	52	12
Nebraska.....	15	14	683	52	51	33	2	*26	....	2	..
Nevada.....	8	8	402	26	14	20	0	0	5	1	1
New Hampshire	19	19	2157	103	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
New Jersey....	35	35	2834	107	16	15	0	*122	....	38	..
New York.....	191	191	17642	733	163	314	10	0	1188	215	59
North Carolina.	22	22	912	21	5	7	1	1	0	6	3
Nova Scotia....	9	9	359	17	1	21	0	0	4	3	0
Ohio.....	136	135	8464	372	162	196	11	1	350	91	..
Oregon.....	13	13	415	25	11	20	0	0	0	6	1
Pennsylvania†.	97	96	10747	729	77	68	..	....	*226	132	..
Quebec.....	9	9	439	30	7	53	..	*6	....	3	..
Rhode Island..	10	10	1617	49	....	2	0	2	1	19	5
South Carolina.	33	25	903	37	9	38	0	1	25	11	..
Tennessee.....	93	81	3403	95	35	100	4	28	122	57	..
Texas.....	95	95	3946	428	156	274	7	*152	....	127	..
Vermont.....	25	25	1867	65	....	13	0	8	....	31	..
Virginia.....	38	33	1601	72	35	83	2	*37	....	22	..
West Virginia†.	17	15	509	36	3	16	0	0	11	5	..
Wisconsin.....	53	53	3133	186	29	104	1	*42		27	23
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*Including suspension for non-payment of dues.

†No returns this year: taken from last year's Table.

"As we apprehended last year, there is a falling off in the aggregate membership, which is probably to continue, as the surrender and revocation of charters, and the suspensions for non-payment of dues, will probably also continue: there has been quite an increase in suspensions, most of which were for non-payment of dues.

"But we think we have nearly reached the bottom of the descent, and that we shall soon begin to ascend with a steady and healthy growth. It is certain that the rage for 'mutual relief,' on a pecuniary basis, is drawing many into the kindred societies (where a system of benefits prevails), who would otherwise have become or *remained* Masons. We have noticed that the formation of a 'Masonic Relief Society,' requiring candidates to be members of a Masonic Body, has stimulated many non-affiliates to seek membership again. While this fever prevails we must expect that the growth of old-fashioned Masoney will be slow, and we shall do well if we protect and defend it from the attempts to make it a 'mutual relief association,' and thereby destroy the most admirable of its fundamental principles."

CONCLUSION.

We have reviewed the Proceedings of *all* the Grand Chapters in the United States and Canada, except Florida, whose Proceedings for 1879 are not yet published.

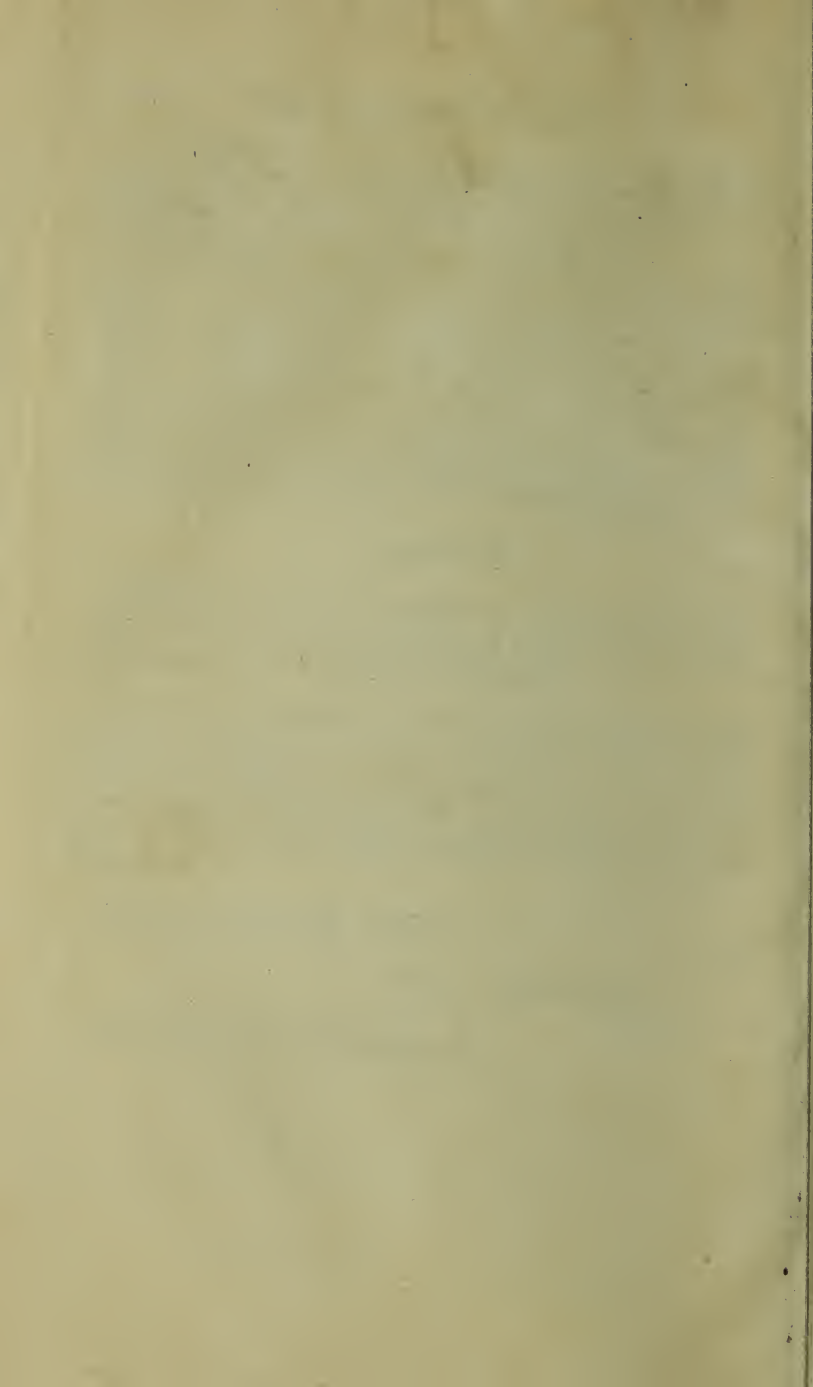
We have not received the *Annual Reporter* of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, nor the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, nor the proceedings of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, since 1873. We would glad to receive them again, as they would add interest to our report.

All which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

COLLINGWOOD, Ont., July 2nd, 1879.





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